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--- PHOTO OF THE MONTH ---



Total Solar Eclipse on July 22, 2009 at Varanasi, northern India (from Yahoo! Photo)

The solar eclipse that took place on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 was a total eclipse of the Sun with a magnitude of 1.080. The phenomenon was visible from a narrow corridor through northern India, eastern Nepal, Bhutan, central China and the Pacific Ocean. Among the major Chinese cities best for viewing the eclipse were Chengdu, Chongqing, Wuhan, Hangzhou and Shanghai. A partial eclipse was seen from the much broader path of the Moon's penumbra, including most of South East Asia and north-eastern Oceania. This total solar eclipse was the longest of its kind and only occurred once in the 21st century. Totality lasted for up to 6 min and 39 sec, with the maximum eclipse occurring at 02:35:21 UTC about 100 km S of the Bonin Islands, southeast of Japan. See in <http://community.webshots.com/user/waswc1> where few hundred photos are shown. A long eclipse like this will take place only in the year 2132 – 123 years from now. Just imagine how awesome it is to view the eclipse by one's own eyes!



Editor's Note 1: My trip to China and India

It is now six years after our secretariat has moved out of USA. The work has spread in several countries, i.e. China, Japan, India, Philippines, Thailand and score of countries that members of our Translators' Club are doing their work – and perhaps a hundred countries that we have Vice Presidents to represent us. These six years could be considered as the great experimental time to prove if the presence of WASWC is really needed? With about ten activities being regularly done, instead of just one that was a norm several years ago, we have proved that the association is needed! We got people from many countries registered as members and they have been participating quite lively. We got nice and kind words from those who benefit from our works frequently.

Anyhow, during those six years the works have been executed from a few spots and the association is therefore NOT sustainable. Everyone knows that time does not stand still – people get older and their capability decreases, though not the willingness. Therefore, during the past two years we had tried to locate institutions that work in our line, have ability and interest to carry out certain parts of the works of WASWC. We are quite pleased to have found a good number of them, mostly locating in South, Southeast and East Asia. So during this last half-year of 2009 I will go to visit a number of institutions, at first in China, starting tomorrow, July 29, where I shall visit Guangzhou, Yangling and Beijing, then go to India in October, to visit Delhi and some cities on the Himalaya foothills. I will work with them so that the processes in doing the WASWC work are to be carried out smoothly.

During these few years we have proved several things. **First**, we mentioned we are a forum where soil and water conservationists worldwide can work together; now we have access to over a hundred countries and more are going to join us (thanks to the availability of the internet, undeniably). **Second**, we said we did not look at the financial aspect to be very important. We now have many (Guest) members who do not pay but we expect that upon the end of their trial period many of them would decide to join as paying members, the rate of which is just minimal when comparing with other societies or associations. This way, we got many more people to get to know us rather than to wait for them to hand us the cash before they could join! **Third**, as an association of people living scattering all over the world, we were previously seen as somewhat incapable in managing certain activities – but now we have been running many activities, including the Journal and Proceedings of WASWC for the fourth year already; we see more people coming in to utilize it.

In short, the World Association of Soil and Water Conservation can do a lot of things to meet the need of people and natural resources. Upon identifying more persons/institutions to take care of various functions we would be able to manage the association as needed and stand to weather the storm of economic crunch like what is happening now – thanks to the many dozens of institutions that are supporting us.

I foresee this half-year period as crucial in stabilizing the works of WASWC, thus making the association sustained for a long time. I therefore wish that the cooperation from the institutions that I am going to visit would all be favorable towards that direction. Upon the end of this half-year period I hope to have made arrangement with all prospective institutions and by the beginning of 2010 WASWC would emerge as a new, strong and stable association that will effectively serve people and natural resources worldwide.

Editor's Note 2: A small amendment to the Guidelines for Successful Meetings

Yesterday I took the Guidelines for Successful Meetings to reread and have made a small amendment of one sentence in point 10. This was done with a belief that the new wording will make it look softer, NOT too demanding. I hope you agree with me that it is worthwhile to make the Powerpoints available, but we should not make it too difficult for those who are NOT YET READY to comply with our suggestion - otherwise our guidelines will only alienate people, making the whole endeavor not so productive. I have adjusted the sentence from:

The organizers should make the Powerpoints from all presentations available, to present in either form, e.g. written on a CD or copied in a 1GB flash drive along with other digital stuff, to all participants at the end of the event. However, any participant may like to withdraw certain slides from his/her Powerpoint if he/she wants to preserve them for future publication – or to withdraw the whole file altogether.

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To accelerate sharing of information through technical meetings the organizers are encouraged to make the Powerpoints from all presentations available, to present in either form, e.g. written on a CD or copied in a 1GB flash drive along with other digital stuff, to all participants at the end of the event. However, any participant may like to withdraw certain slides from his/her Powerpoint if he/she wants to preserve them for future publication – or to withdraw the whole file altogether.

This new amendment will be posted on the website at <http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html>.

I will be happy to hear any feedback from you and hope you will help disseminate the Guidelines to be used wider. At least it will help remind people who like to organize meetings just to satisfy themselves, such as to meet old friends and have some bla-bla-bla sessions, and not sensing that many of their participants, especially those with less opportunity to attend

meetings and sometime had to pay a lot of money to travel there, will go home almost empty-handed. Some events in recent past have haunted me too much; they thus stimulated me to work out the way to avoid such thing in the future.

[I want to share something interesting but awful with you. At a meeting in 2008, a (local) lady participant had a presentation to give at a prestigious conference. She asked-cum-invited her mom to come to hear what she would describe from what she had learned from abroad. Her mother came with joy and pride but only to be confronted with three strong guards who did not allow her to enter the building unless she paid the registration fee of almost half a thousand Euros. So the lady participant had to present the lecture with grief and tears and without her mother to witness her achievement. I did not witness this sad event by myself but I was told by a reliable person. I wish that such kind of treatment should not happen in our human society. I wish that all of us who are working to manage and care for the natural resources for the generations to come should be treated with dignity – with an attitude that all of us are living in *only one world*.]

Editor's Note 3: An idea about LANDCON e-LIBRARY

An idea just emerged to me very recently. We have so far got so many works about land, especially about its management, care and rehabilitation in our database. As the WASWC has its mandate in all these subjects, it would be beneficial in gathering such works together from meetings during these few years in the form of a DVD and make it available to members and participants to the meetings particularly those that belong to LANDCON series. Recently, I made a small round of discussion and got a good respond from them. As everyone knows, one DVD may contain a very large amount of works, equal to dozens of text books combined, that you may not be able to read all within one year. To me, if we could make this DVD available as an e-LIBRARY, especially for those in geographical areas that are not well connected with the internet, it could be quite useful in many ways. Some people have been very content with the internet. To me, yes, internet is very good and very efficient in finding things that you know WHAT TO FIND. But if you don't know what to find and there are hundreds of works that belong to your fields contained in a DVD just in front of you and you can get it right away without connecting to the internet, wouldn't that make a good contribution?

I will discuss more about this issue in the next HOT NEWS. In the meantime, I would like to ask our members to please think and make your thinking loud, so that will help us in crystallizing the idea that may lead to either the 'execution' of it or 'scrapping' it.

JOBS – POSITIONS

▲ **Chef d'équipe / Conseiller technique du Chef du service Aménagement du Territoire et le Développement Rural (basé à N'Djamena)**

Qualifications et compétences

L'expert(e) devra être un(e) géographe de formation universitaire de niveau supérieur (Bac + 5 ans ou équivalent) ou une autre discipline avec une formation en aménagement du territoire. Il/elle disposera de connaissances en décentralisation, en analyse d'information géographique et maîtrisera l'utilisation des outils SIG, Word, Excel, et Access. Il/elle sera doté(e) de capacités de gestion / coordination de projet financé par le FED, de capacités de formation et de transfert de compétences, de rédaction en français, et de management dans un contexte multiculturel.

La maîtrise parfaite du français est indispensable.

Expérience professionnelle générale

L'expert(e) devra se prévaloir d'une expérience professionnelle de 15 ans au moins, dont 10 ans au moins dans le domaine de l'aménagement du territoire. Il /elle aura travaillé dans ce domaine préférablement 8 ans en Afrique, mais un minimum de 5 ans est requis.

Expérience professionnelle spécifique

L'expert possède :

- une expérience dans l'élaboration des schémas régionaux ou nationaux d'aménagement du territoire.
- une expérience d'au moins trois ans dans la gestion de projets d'aménagement du territoire ou de décentralisation.
- expérience d'au moins deux ans en gestion de projets financés par la Commission Européenne.
- Une expérience en pays soudano-sahélien est un avantage.

Durée : 810 jours de travail effectif

Les expert intéressés peuvent contacter Francesca Castaldi : f.castaldi@agriconsulting.it

We profoundly thank the publishers of various publications whose news pieces have been taken to compose this HOT NEWS. Our main policy is to help disseminate news of interest to a wider public promptly. We apologize in case acknowledgments have not been properly expressed.

AWARDS/ PRIZES/ FUNDS

▲ The Office of International Research, Education, and Development (OIERD) at Virginia Tech is pleased to release the attached Request for Applications (RFA) for Long-Term Research Activities (LTRAs) under **SANREM CRSP Phase IV**. The focus of the LTRA RFA is the development of **conservation agriculture production systems** to increase agricultural productivity in food insecure countries. LTRA applications are due September 2, 2009. Approximately \$8,100,000 in awards will be made.

Links to other essential RFA documents required to prepare an application are provided below:

1. [Budget Information and Instructions](#) (pdf)
2. [Budget Form A](#) (Excel file)
(For lead institutions administering subawards)
3. [Budget Form B](#) (Excel file)
(For lead institutions not administering subawards)
4. [Budget Narrative Form](#) (doc)
5. [USAID Certifications](#) (pdf)

We would appreciate your distributing the RFA attachment and this email to potential applicants and collaborators.

Theo A. Dillaha, Ph.D., P.E.

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▲ Elsevier Scholarships

European Central Bank- Elsevier Journals Initiative.

The European Central bank in collaboration with Elsevier Journals is seeking applications from students/ researchers for 10 European- Elsevier Scholarships in 2009. The Scholarship programme was launched in 2003. It aims to promote high quality research on the structure, integration and performance of the European financial system. Each fellowship is endowed with a honorarium of €16,000 [Sixteen thousand Euros] which would be received by 10 students/ researchers on Merit. To be amongst the fellows who can receive this honorarium:

- Send a research paper on your Major. The submitted paper will go through a screening process by our group of reviewers in your field. Manuscripts should be submitted in English and include a cover letter, and a comprehensive Resume.

Prospective authors should send their manuscript(s) in Microsoft Word or PDF format to elseviereuro@live.com and should Include a cover sheet containing corresponding Author(s) name, Paper Title, affiliation, phone, fax number, email address etc.

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Asst. Commercial Manager, European Central Bank, United Kingdom.

"Elsevier Journals Initiative" scholarships@elsevier.org

▲ [Basic Research to Enable Agricultural Development \(BREAD\)](#)

Letter of Intent Deadline Date: **August 5, 2009** Program Guidelines: NSF 09-566

The National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) are partnering to support a new research program to be administered by NSF. The objective of the BREAD Program is to support innovative scientific research designed to address key constraints to smallholder agriculture in the developing world. A significant distinction between BREAD and other NSF programs is that proposals to BREAD must make a clear and well-defined connection between the outcomes of the ... More at http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503285&govDel=USNSF_39

▲ Nestle Prize in Creating Shared Value

La presente convocatoria de solicitudes es abierta a personas de habla Ingles. Disculpas.

Cet appel est ouverte uniquement aux anglophones. Nous nous en excusons.

Nominations for the Nestlé Prize in Creating Shared Value are open until 31 October 2009. The Nestlé Prize in Creating Shared Value will be awarded every other year to an individual, a non-governmental organization (NGO), or a business for developing an outstanding innovation that:

1. has proven its worth on a small-scale;
2. is judged to be feasible and applicable on a broader scale or in other communities; and
3. has high promise of improving rural development, improving nutrition, improving access to clean water, or having a significant impact on water management.

Unlike other “one-time” prizes, awards or honours, the Nestlé Prize in Creating Shared Value will commit to the Prize Laureate an investment of up to CHF 500,000 for a specified period of time to assist in the development of the innovation to bring it to scale. That’s what makes the Nestlé Prize unique – a financial commitment that may continue for several years to ensure success.

In addition to helping us meet our long-standing commitment to create value in the communities that we operate, the establishment of the Nestlé Prize in Creating Shared Value is consistent with Nestlé’s commitment to the advancement of the UN Millennium Development Goals and the UN Global Compact Principles.

The First Nestlé Prize in Creating Shared Value will be awarded in April 2010. To nominate an individual, an NGO, or a small enterprise for an outstanding innovation in water, nutrition or rural development, please read the Official Rules and use the Nomination Form.

Entries will be judged by the Nestle Prize Screening Committee, which will come up with a list of five finalists, based on the selection criteria. The Advisory Board on Creating Shared Value makes a final decision on the Laureate on the recommendation of the Screening Committee.

Important dates

1 July 2009: Nominations open

31 October 2009: Nominations close

November 2009: Review of applications by the Screening Committee

December 2009: Review of short list by the Advisory Board on Creating Shared Value

Jan - Feb 2010: Request for complementary information on finalists

April 2010: Announcement of Prize Laureate

<http://www.nestle.com/CSV/CSVatNestle/CsvPrize/About.htm>

▲ International Foundation for Science Research Grants: call for applications

The International Foundation for Science (IFS) is offering research grants to young scientists in developing countries for research on the sustainable management, use or conservation of biological or water resources. This grant covers natural science and social science research on agriculture, soils, animal production, food science, forestry, agro-forestry, aquatic resources, natural products and water resources. Scientists under 40 years of age with at least a Master’s or equivalent degree/research experience can apply. Applicants should be citizens of a developing country attached to a university, national research institution or a research-oriented NGO in a developing country. For more information see: <http://www.ifs.se/>.

▲ GIS for Conservation: grant opportunities

The ESRI Conservation Program is the non-profit support arm of the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI). They have helped to create and develop spatial analysis, computer mapping and geographic information systems (GIS) capability among thousands of non-profit organizations and individual projects of all sizes and types worldwide. They do this by donating and providing millions of dollars worth of computer technology and training for groups just beginning to work on geographic problems, on an ongoing basis, and for advanced groups at the cutting edge of conservation biology and spatial sciences.

For more information and grant applications see: www.conservationgis.org/grants.

Members in USA can buy **NO-TILL FARMING SYSTEMS** book online at

<http://www.conservationinformation.org/index.asp?site=1&action=products&deptID=1&dept=All+Products>

Members in all other countries may contact their country representatives or write to sombatpanit@yahoo.com.

SWAT book+DVD can be purchased by contacting representatives in some countries (see the last page of this HOT NEWS) or may order directly from sombatpanit@yahoo.com

Newsletter issue 25(1) for January-March 2009 is now posted on our website

<http://waswc.soil.gd.cn>. Translated version in various languages will be soon available.

FELLOWSHIP-SCHOLARSHIP

▲ Research internship opportunity in Kenya

I hope that PGIS'ers will see the opportunities for highlighting participatory approaches to working with local spatial knowledge for governance (i.e. using PGIS & community geo-referenced mapping) in this innovative and probably very influential pilot project in Kenya. Mike McCall (mccall@itc.nl)

Interested applicants should forward a letter of interest, a current CV and any other information relevant to their qualifications for this opening to Dr. Wilbur Ottichilo, c/o Candida Mannozi, cmannozi@aag.org

Deadline for submissions: September 15, 2009.

▲ Call for John Dillon Memorial Fellowship

The John Dillon Memorial Fellowship has recently been established by ACIAR in recognition of Professor John L. Dillon's life-long support for international agricultural research. The Fellowship scheme serves the memory of John Dillon by providing career development opportunities for outstanding young agricultural scientists or economists from ACIAR partner countries who are involved in a current or recently completed ACIAR project. Four to six Fellowships are offered annually. The Fellowship aims to develop leadership skills in the areas of agricultural research management, agricultural policy and/or extension technologies. This is achieved by providing exposure to Australian agriculture across a range of best-practice organisations involved in research, extension and/or policy making. Applications should be submitted to Mrs. Sharon Harvey, Secretariat John Dillon Memorial Fellowship/- ACIAR, GPO Box 1571 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia, fax + 61 2 6217 0501, email: harvey@aciarc.gov.au. For details on the fellowship and how to apply, visit: <http://www.aciarc.gov.au/node/2077>

▲ With the support of the North-Rhine-Westphalian Ministry for Innovation, Science, Research and Technology (MIWFT), the Institute for Geoinformatics offers **five scholarships for the MSc program in Geoinformatics** (4 semesters, start October 1, 2009) Two partial scholarships for the MSc program in Geospatial Technologies (3 semesters, start September 4, 2009) for nationals of the following countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China (P.R.), Costa Rica, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uruguay.

The scholarships include: Tuition waiver for all semesters Scholarship: 850 € per month (not for the first semester in Spain or Portugal (September 4, 2009 – February 28, 2010) in the MSc in Geospatial Technologies)

Support health insurance: 70 € per month (not for the first semester in Spain or Portugal (September 4, 2009 – February 28, 2010) in the MSc in Geospatial Technologies)

Support travel costs according to real costs: up to 1.000 € for a flight to/from Europe before starting/after finishing the program and up to 1.000 € for one home flight to/from Europe in between.

Application deadline: **July 31, 2009**

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Brox Institute for Geoinformatics (ifgi), University of Muenster, Weseler Strasse 253, D-48151 Münster, Germany, Phone: +49 (0)251 8334721, Fax: +49 (0)251 8339763, <http://ifgi.uni-muenster.de/>



▲ [ExxonMobil Middle East and North Africa Scholars Programme](#)

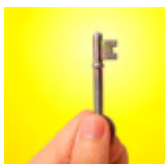
The ExxonMobil Middle East and North Africa Scholars Program is a highly competitive scholarship program which provides select student leaders from the Middle East and North Africa with a fully-funded scholarship towards the completion of a degree at a college or university in the United States.



▲ [Microsoft PhD Scholarships for Students of Africa, Europe, and the Middle East](#)

The PhD Scholarship Programme recognises and supports exceptional students who show the potential to make an outstanding contribution to science and computing.

Application deadline: 16 September 2009



▲ [International human frontiers programme 2010](#)

Deadline: **27 August 2009**

▲ The Spatial Data Infrastructures Unit of JRC's Institute for Environment and Sustainability has published a profile for a **post-doctoral research fellowship** (so-called category-30 grandholders):

IES-2009-300929 - [Harmonisation of environmental data](#)

General information and the conditions are available at: <http://ies.jrcec.europa.eu/call-for-granholders>

The deadline for applications is **3 September 2009**, noon.

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EXPOSITION

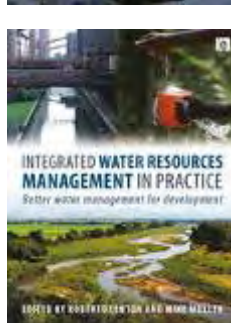
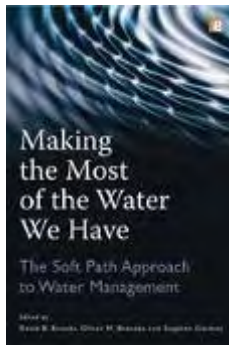
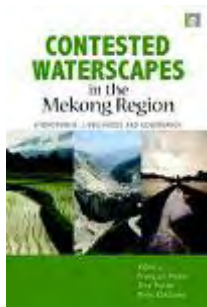
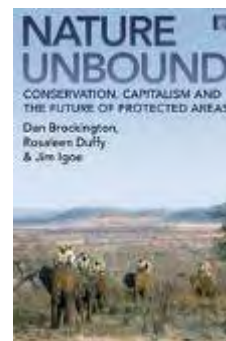
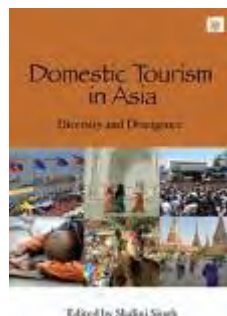
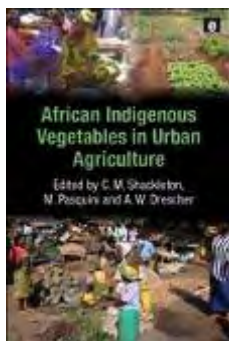
[The 12th Trade Fair of OIC Member Countries \(OIC-EXPO 2009\)](#)

Location: Cairo, Egypt Date: 11-16 October, 2009.

NEW INFORMATION SOURCES

BOOKS

New titles from www.earthscan.com



▲ Book on Biosafety Regulations in the Philippines

The Philippine National Academy of Science and Technology recently published a book entitled "Biosafety Regulations in the Philippines". The book highlights the milestones of the first fifteen years of the National Committee on Biosafety of the Philippines as well as the projected role of this regulatory body in meeting the challenges in the next fifteen years. The production of this book was also supported by the Philippine Department of Science and Technology, the National Committee on Biosafety of the Philippines and the Program for Biosafety Systems.

For more information about the book and to obtain copies, you may contact the NCBP secretariat at jfle@dost.gov.ph For updates on biotechnology in the Philippines you may contact bic@agri.searca.org



▲ Arabic Book on Biotechnology in Egypt

A new book in Arabic on important papers for decision makers on biotechnology in Egypt has just been published by the Egypt Biotechnology Information Center (EBIC). It includes key definitions of agricultural biotechnology and provides answers to questions on the safety of biotech crops. Likewise, it highlights the role of biotech crops in the developing world particularly India, China, Argentina and Brazil. The book reviews the experiences of African countries such as South Africa, and Burkina Faso, as well as Egypt as a first Arab country commercializing a biotech crop. This is the second book published by EBIC on the applications of agricultural biotechnology. The first book dealt with topics designed to raise public awareness. For more information contact Dr. Ismail Abdel Hamid at ebicvision@yahoo.com.

▲ **CIFOR and IUCN: A new book entitled 'Rights Based Approaches: Exploring issues and opportunities for conservation'** is being published by the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), in collaboration with the IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic, and Social Policy (CEESP). Through case studies, policy reviews and issue papers, the collection explores the practical implications of rights-based approaches to conservation, including their potential benefits and challenges. The publication aims to contribute to early discussion and learning on this important emerging topic. For more information, contact Jessica Campese (IUCN/CEESP) at jesscampese@gmail.com or Terry Sunderland (CIFOR) at t.sunderland@cgiar.org.

▲ Online book published on farming with grass in the US

Proceedings of the Farming with Grass Conference held in Oklahoma in 2008 have been published by the Soil and Water Conservation Society in the form of an online manual. Agricultural Research Service scientists and other participants in the conference portrayed a "post-oil agriculture" vision relying on perennials, as well as beef and dairy products from free-ranging, grass-fed cattle.

In summarizing stories from the conference, participants envisioned mixed livestock, perennial plants, and other crops, instead of large stands of a single-row crop monoculture, with a goal is to sustain farms and rural communities both economically and environmentally, while offering local, healthy foods and other new products.

"Farming with Grass" can be downloaded for \$24 at:

http://www.swcs.org/en/publications/farming_with_grass/.

DISSERTATION-REPORTS

▲ [Silici_social capital and conservation agric_ex sum.pdf \(134KB\)](#), [silici_social+capital+and+conservation+agric.pdf \(4293KB\)](#)

My name is Laura Silici and I just achieved a Ph.D. in development economics with a dissertation on "The role of social capital in the adoption and the performance of CA: The practice of Likoti in Lesotho."

Relying on the advice of Mr. Richard Fowler, I would like to share with you the executive summary of my thesis (in the attachment). In case you and your colleagues are agreeable, I would be very pleased to make the thesis circulate among the participants to the CA-CoP. Also, if somebody is interested, he/she can contact me directly in order to have a copy of the dissertation. Laura l.silici@fastwebnet.it

▲ **IUCN World Conservation Congress 2008: The Learning Opportunities Report "What can you learn from 5048 people hours of learning in skills-building workshops?"** is now available on the IUCN World Conservation Congress website

http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/learning_opp_final_report_en.pdf. Please visit the IUCN website www.iucn.org/congress_08 for any further information that was generated at the World Conservation Forum and the IUCN Members' Assembly.

▲ Worldwatch Report: Mitigating Climate Change through Food and Land Use

Ecoagriculture Partners is pleased to announce the release of a new report, *Mitigating Climate Change Through Food and Land Use* (Worldwatch Report 179). This report is written by Sara J. Scherr and Sajal Sthapit, edited by Lisa Mastny, and jointly published by Ecoagriculture Partners and the Worldwatch Institute.

The report explains how capturing carbon in the land through agricultural and land use practices can reduce the atmospheric concentration of greenhouse gases and mitigate climate change, using these five major strategies: i) Enriching soil carbon, ii) Farming with perennials, iii) Climate-friendly livestock production, iv) Protecting natural habitat and v) Restoring degraded watersheds and rangelands.

Download the Press Release: http://www.ecoagriculture.org/documents/files/WWR179_Press_Release.doc.

Download the Information and Ordering flyer here: http://www.ecoagriculture.org/documents/files/WWR179_flyer_web.pdf.

Newsletter members can request an electronic copy of the report by emailing Sajal Sthapit at sstaphit@ecoagriculture.org. The report can also be purchased anytime at: www.worldwatch.org or by emailing: wwpub@worldwatch.org.

▲ **New Oxfam report warns multiple climate impacts could reverse 50 years of work to end poverty**

Shifting seasons are destroying harvests and causing widespread hunger - but this is just one of the multiple climate change impacts taking their toll on the world's poorest people - concluded a new report launched by Oxfam on July 6 2009.

The report, *Suffering the Science - Climate Change, People and Poverty*, is being published ahead of the G8 Summit in Italy, where climate change and food security are high on the agenda. It combines the latest scientific observations on climate change, and evidence from the communities Oxfam works with in almost 100 countries around the world, to reveal how the burden of climate change is already hitting poor people hard.

The report warns that without immediate action 50 years of development gains in poor countries will be permanently lost. It says that climate-related hunger could be the defining human tragedy of this century.

To see the report visit: <http://www.oxfam.org/en/pressroom/pressrelease/2009-07-06/millions-face-climate-related-hunger-seasons-shift-and-change>.

MANUAL-HANDBOOKS ETC.

▲ **Community-based risk screening tool: adaptation and livelihoods**

The Community-based Risk Screening Tool: Adaptation and Livelihoods (CRISTAL) is designed to help project planners and managers integrate climate change adaptation into community-level projects. CRISTAL helps project planners and managers evaluate how community-level development projects influence climate-related vulnerability and adaptive capacity. This screening tool emerged out of the Livelihoods and Climate Change project, an initiative of the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), the Swiss Foundation for Development and International Cooperation (Intercooperation), the Stockholm Environment Institute - United States (SEI-US), and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

▲ **CA M&E Tool Kit developed in Southern Africa, by Andy Lyons, September 2006**

This CA M&E Tool Kit which was developed by the FAO Regional Interagency Coordination Support Office (RIASCO) in Johannesburg, South Africa. The audience for this Tool Kit is anyone who is involved in implementing Conservation Agriculture projects. The document is available at:

ftp://ext-ftp.fao.org/ag/data/agp/Friedrich/M&E_Toolkit_-_CA_-_Version_1_20061101AL%201%20.pdf

PAPERS

▲ **[Are the Poor Benefiting from China's Land Conservation Program?](#)**, by Uchida, E., Xu, J., Xu, Z. and Rozelle, S., August 2007, **Environment and Development Economics, Vol 12 No 4, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge**: This paper studies the impact of the largest conservation set-aside program in the developing world: China's Grain for Green program, on poverty alleviation in rural areas. Overall, the results suggest that the program has been only moderately successful in achieving its poverty alleviation objectives.

▲ **[Linking Environment and Development, Easier Said than Done: Learning from the Zimbabwean Experience](#)**, by Manjengwa, J.M., June 2007, **Development Southern Africa, Vol 24 No 2, Routledge, London**: Despite the popularity of the concept of sustainable development, there is growing evidence that, globally, human enterprise is becoming less sustainable rather than more. This paper examines this concept and the difficulty of linking it with environmental concerns, focusing on national strategies for sustainable development in Zimbabwe.

▲ **Ecoagriculture Partners releases discussion paper on agriculture and the Convention on Biological Diversity**

Ecoagriculture Partners is pleased to release the fourth Ecoagriculture Discussion Paper by Seth Shames and Sara J. Scherr, entitled, *Agriculture and the Convention on Biological Diversity: guidelines for applying the ecosystem approach*.

This discussion paper emerged from discussions leading up to the 9th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to review the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in May 2008, which paid unprecedented attention to agricultural issues. In preparation of the meeting, Ecoagriculture Partners convened an informal

working group of stakeholders to raise the profile of, and support for, strategies to implement the CBD's Ecosystem Approach within an agricultural context.

One of the outputs of this process was a policy brief (Ecoagriculture Policy Focus, no. 1: http://www.ecoagriculture.org/documents/files/doc_85.pdf) which aimed to provide clear guidelines and real-world examples to aid Parties in their attempts to implement the program of work on agricultural biodiversity. Discussion paper number 4 explores these policy guidelines in greater depth and places them within a broader political and conceptual context in order to spark discussion among a wider constituency.

The Ecoagriculture Discussion Paper series presents results of research and policy analysis on important aspects of ecoagriculture theory and practice. The series seeks to stimulate dialogue among specialists and practitioners in agriculture, conservation, and rural development.

Please download and share this paper from:

http://www.ecoagriculture.org/publication_details.php?publicationID=289.

▲ Smallholder agriculture and the environment in a changing global context

Across the developing world, small-scale agriculture is an important contributor to poverty reduction, rural development, and food security. Small farmers are also a key determinant of environmental outcomes, including land and water management, biodiversity conservation, and climate change, in some of the world's most threatened ecosystems. Yet support for smallholder agriculture has declined sharply in the past three decades, as measured in terms of both national policies and overseas development assistance.

Smallholder Agriculture and the Environment in a Changing Global Context, a new policy brief written by Jonathan Cook of World Wildlife Foundation-US' Macroeconomics Program Office, examines to these issues which explicitly target small farmers, focus on sustainable practices, and involve not just technical interventions (like seeds and inputs) but critical issues of planning, policy, and governance. It also offers some insights from recent WWF projects on agricultural development in Southern Africa and Southeast Asia, which were supported by the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida).

To download the brief, visit: http://assets.panda.org/downloads/wwf_mpo_smallholder_ag_policy_brief.pdf.

▲ Tristram O. West and Wilfred M. Post (2002). Soil Organic Carbon Sequestration Rates by Tillage and Crop Rotation: A Global Data Analysis. *Soil Sci. Soc. Am. J.* 66: 1930-1946

This is a useful paper. It is a quantitative approach consistent with its title: "Soil Organic Carbon Sequestration Rates by Tillage and Crop Rotation: A Global Data Analysis ". Its value lies in its positive conclusions but perhaps even more in its global coverage and the way that the data used in the analysis can be downloaded as well. The link to the record in EcoPort is as follows: <http://ecoport.org/ep?SearchType=reference&ReferenceID=558810>

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▲ March issue of Partners Magazine focuses on food's resource base challenge

The March issue of *Partner's Magazine*, produced by the Australian Government and the Australian Center for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR), highlights the link between natural resource management and food security. It focuses on ACIAR-supported initiatives and partnerships which are delivering sustainable approaches to agriculture, with examples of projects that demonstrate that environmental sustainability can also help smallholders increase their productivity.

In this issue authors report on research in India and Australia that is both improving soils and reducing environmental damage through use of organic fertilizers, helping farmers rehabilitate their land in Aceh, and ways farmers in the Philippines are reducing soil erosion and increasing their incomes by planting harvestable hedgerows.

Other reports cover ACIAR-funded work in the Philippines that is reducing pesticide run-off into waterways, and which is also being applied in South Australia, and helping to identify suitable locations for sea-cage aquaculture to reduce environmental impacts. Another is on research in Papua New Guinea that is helping communities develop sustainable harvesting strategies for their timber resources.

To see the full issue visit: http://www.aciar.gov.au/publication/Partners_current.

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▲ Google, IICA and CATIE promote virtual library in agriculture

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The Google/IICA partnership, with CATIE now on board as well, aims to share with the world knowledge and information about agriculture. The collection constitutes an important store of knowledge related to topics of global importance such as agricultural and forest policy, agricultural marketing, food health and safety, agricultural and agroforestry technology and innovation, and the environment and natural resources management. To access the library online see: www.sidalc.net.

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▲ Video Contest Winners Inspire Stewardship for the Nation's Waters

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▲ ISAAA Video on "Knowledge, Technology and Poverty Alleviation" Available in 17 Languages"

The abridged version of the International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications (ISAAA) video on "Knowledge, Technology and Poverty Alleviation" is now available with subtitles in the 17 languages. The video presents the major findings of the Global Status of Commercialized Biotech/GM Crops in 2008 and addresses the growing interest biotech crops have experienced in the past years, including substantial advances in Africa. It discusses in detail the three questions global society has begun to ask about biotech crops. The translated versions can be downloaded at the following links (copy-paste URL to web browser): Arabic: <http://www.isaaa.org/resources/videos/gs2008/abridged/arabic/>
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▲ A video with an environmental and biodiversity message. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8muMo0fw_M
Sidney Clouston

▲ Tracking in the Cyber Age - educational video on CyberTracker

Here is a recent educational video we produced on CyberTracker in English <http://vimeo.com/5639008>, Spanish <http://vimeo.com/5639841> and French <http://vimeo.com/5640170>
The video is going to be integral part of the PGIS training kit.
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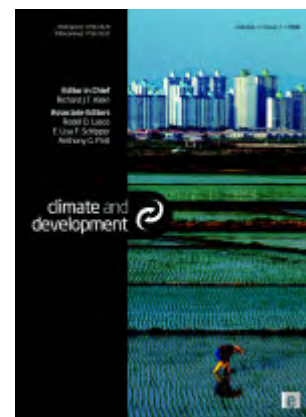
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PERSONS

▲ Herbert Bartz: Pioneer of the No Tillage System in Brazil and Latin America. January 2009

These notes on Herbert Bartz are based on an article published in 1997 by the late Gilberto Borges, editor of the “No Tillage Magazine” (Rivista Plantio Direto) celebrating 25 years of No Tillage in Brazil and Latin America. This was the most detailed biography then published of Herbert Bartz, and has been updated by his son Johan and daughter Marie and reviewed by Richard Fowler and his wife Margaret. The document is posted at:

ftp://ext-ftp.fao.org/ag/data/agp/Friedrich/Herbert_Bartz's_History.pdf

▲ Howard Buffett turns to No-Till farming in Africa

After a meeting with farmers in Fufuo, Ghana, Howard Buffett stood up to shake hands, African style. Accompanied by Ghanaian agronomist Kofi Boa, he hurried into a large cinder-block building where 30 farmers had been waiting, sheltered from the sun.

Mr. Boa, the agronomist, had been coaching them to replace slash-and-burn farming with a practice he called “no-till.” In many African villages, poor farmers—who are often women—had traditionally made room for their crops by chopping down the brush and trees on a few acres of tribal land. It is hard on the farmer and the environment. The land is laid bare to erosion. As the soil deteriorates, farmers work harder and harder to produce food until they have to move on to another spot, repeating the cycle.

Mr. Boa told Fufuo’s farmers to disturb the ground as little as possible. Other than poking holes in the dirt to plant their seeds, the ground was not to be hoed or vegetation burned. Organic residue—such as leaves, stalks, and roots—was valuable, not trash. The village quickly discovered that no-till plots yielded bigger crops with far less labor. The mulch acts as a sponge when it rains, banking water for crops, and then breaks down into plant food. The time the farmers saved by no longer hoeing weeds and cutting brush was time for money-making endeavors. Some started to raise cocoa trees, a crop prized by Ghana’s government for its export earnings; others began to raise chickens, feeding them with their surplus grain. See: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204621904574246440378843148.html>

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▲ **Villagers learn to use new mapping system**

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Science and Technology (S&T) experts from the member states of the Organisation of Islamic States (OIC) have strongly recommended acquiring new and emerging technologies for rapid development in the region.

▲ **CIMMYT and Conservation Agriculture in Bangladesh**

As part of the global work to test and disseminate Conservation Agriculture, CIMMYT and partners have introduced and promoted new agricultural machinery in Bangladesh, helping farmers to improve their crop yields, food security, and livelihoods. More details at: <http://www.cimmyt.org/english/wps/news/2009/jun/plowingBangladesh.htm>

▲ Conservation Agriculture values updated on FAO website

Thanks to Amit Kholi, the AQUASTAT website has been updated with the latest Conservation Agriculture values contributed by many of you. Thank you all for your inputs and for recognizing the need for updating data. You can see the latest nationally-reported values for conservation agriculture around the world, as well as many other agricultural variables and indicators, in the link: <http://www.fao.org/nr/water/aquastat/dbase/index.stm> and clicking on "AQUASTAT online database". The tabulated historical data of CA adoption by country are also provided on the FAO-CA website: www.fao.org/ag/ca at <http://www.fao.org/ag/ca/6c.html>. However, in this table the latest data for 2008 are not yet presented.

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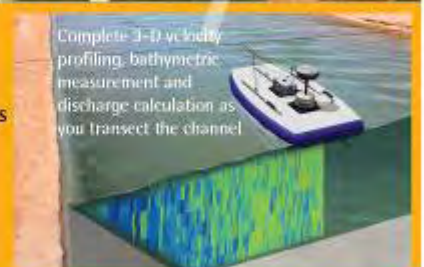
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Conference organizers may ask for a ‘Cooperation Package’ from WASWC, where among several benefits you may ask WASWC to endorse your event, register it in the global **LANDCON** series of meetings as well as to offer participants free Guest membership in WASWC for one year. This is our service to society. Ask for the file **Cooperation Package** from sombatpanit@yahoo.com or click <http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html> & <http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/package.html>.

IMPORTANT

We can publicize your stuff sent to us in Word. If you send to us in pdf, we will be able to put only a few words in our WASWC Newsletter or HOT NEWS.

[**NOTE:** Another place to promote your meeting event is by sending your stuff to publish in the EARTHSCAN E-alert. Please contact andrew.miller@earthscan.co.uk]

LANDCON Series of Meetings*

No.	Meeting topic	Place	Time
0902	Conference of the International Erosion Control Association (IECA): Environmental Connection 09 www.ieca.org	Reno, Nevada, USA	Feb 9-12, 2009
0903	Conference on Land Degradation in Dry Environments http://cldde.kuniv.edu/ ; jawadhi@kuc01.kuniv.edu.kw	Kuwait City, Kuwait	Mar 8-14, 2009
0905a	Global Change, Challenge for Soil Management: From Degradation – Through Soil and Water Conservation – To Sustainable Soil Management www.sfb.bg.ac.yu/erosion2009/ ; miodrag.zlatic@sfb.bg.ac.rs	Tara Mt., Serbia	May 26-30, 2009
0905b	Conference on “The sustainable development of water resources”, organized by Hydrotechnics Faculty of “Politehnica” University of Timisoara, Romania gcr@mail.dnttm.ro	Timisoara, Romania	May 27-28, 2009
0906a	The 10th international meeting on Soil with Mediterranean Type of Climate www.cnrs.edu.lb/10IMSMTC.pdf ; tdarwich@cnrs.edu.lb	Beirut, Lebanon	Jun 22-26, 2009
0906b	Conference on “Challenges and Opportunities of Bioindustrial Watershed Development for the Prosperity of the Farming Community”, organized by the Soil Conservation Society of India www.soilcsi.org/ ; soilcsi@yahoo.co.in	Bengaluru, India	Jun 25-27, 2009
0909	International Conference on Desertification in memory of Professor John B. Thornes http://fobos.bio.um.es/thornes/doku.php ; arodi@um.es	Murcia, Spain	Sep 16-18, 2009
0910	Conference on “Soil and Water Conservation Management and Restoration of the Tropical Soils Productivity”, organized by Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), www.chercheurs.auf.org ; roose@mpl.ird.fr	Port au Prince, Haiti	Oct 19-24, 2009
0911	International Seminar on Upland for Food Security, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Soedirman, Purwokerto, Central Java. Contact Budi Prakoso prabud2001@yahoo.com	Purwokerto, Central Java, Indonesia	Nov 7-8, 2009
1004	Interpraevent Conference http://interpreavent2010.nchu.edu.tw/ ; INTERPRAEVENT2010@gmail.com	Taipei, Taiwan	Apr 26-30, 2010
1005	First International Conference on Soil and Roots Engineering Relationship www.landcon-ir.com/index.htm ; Landcon.ir@gmail.com ; habibibibalani@gmail.com	Ardebil Province, Iran	May 24-26, 2010
1010	International Conference on Combating Land Degradation in Agricultural Areas wafe@ms.iswc.ac.cn , landcon1010@gmail.com	Xi'an, Shaanxi, China	Oct 11-15, 2010
1011	An international conference, the title will be announced later chauthu_9lvh@yahoo.co.uk	Hanoi, Vietnam	Early Nov 2010
1101	SWAT-SEA II Workshop and Conference http://ssc.hcmuaf.edu.vn , nguyenkimloi@gmail.com	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	January 4-5, 6-7, 2011
11...	A conference organized by the Indian Association of Soil and Water Conservationists www.iaswc.com/index.html , anurag@cswcrtiddn.org	Dehra Dun, India	2011???

*See details in this issue of HOT NEWS. Organizers of these conferences have pledged to follow the Guidelines for Successful Meetings (<http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html>) that WASWC had deliberated and achieved in 2008, to facilitate the attendance of academics and professionals so that the meetings that we recommend are of high quality, worth the expenses they have to pay when they go to attend. If your meeting will meet at least 7 in 10 points (by self-appraisal) in the Guidelines, you may register the event in the LANDCON series and receive certain technical support from WASWC at no cost. To register, write to Samran Sombatpanit at sombatpanit@yahoo.com.

MEETINGS 2009

January-November 2009

Darwin 200 Symposia

The International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS) and UNESCO announce the 'Darwin 200' programme to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth in 2009. Darwin 200 will comprise a series of scientific symposia and satellite meetings on five continents. [More...](#)

July 27-31, 2009

MARINE CONSERVATION

International Marine Conservation Congress (IMCC). May 20-24, 2009, Washington DC, USA. ISSR Conference, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 27-31 July 2009. Theme: Making Marine Science Matter. For more information see the [conference website](#) or contact [Ellen Hines](#), Chair, IMCC 2009.

July 28-31, 2009

[International conference on "Re-asserting the role of biotechnology in a distressed global economy"](#)

Date: 28-31 July 2009, Location: Zaria, Nigeria

August 25-28, 2009 1st International IFOAM Conference on Organic Animal and Plant Breeding
Sante Fe, New Mexico, August 25-28 2009 Abstract deadline: **March 1, 2009**
www.ifoam.org/breeding-diversity-conference.html

August 5-7, 2009 (with a SWAT Workshop during August 3-4)

2009 5th International SWAT Conference

The 2009 5th International SWAT Conference will be August 5-7, 2009 at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado. Workshops offered include: Introductory SWAT, Advanced SWAT, SWAT Developer's, and Integrated APEX/SWAT and will be August 3-4, 2009.

Please visit the conference Website, http://www.brc.tamus.edu/swat/conf_5th.html, for more information including conference and workshop registration, lodging information, and more.

August 3-4, 2009 SWAT Workshops

August 5-7, 2009 SWAT Conference

SWAT 2009 Development and Application of the SWAT Model

The Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) is a public domain model jointly developed by USDA Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) and Texas A&M University System (TAMUS).

SWAT is a river basin-scale model to simulate the quality and quantity of surface and ground water and predict the environmental impact of land management practices on different soil patterns and land use patterns. SWAT is widely used in assessing soil erosion prevention and control, non-point source pollution control and regional management in watersheds.

Workshop Registration, August 3-4, 2009

The workshop registration fee includes workshop materials and coffee breaks.

<i>Workshops include:</i>	<i>Participants</i>	<i>Students</i>
Introductory SWAT	US\$300	US\$200
Advanced SWAT	US\$300	US\$200
SWAT Developer's	US\$50	US\$50
Integrated APEX/SWAT	US\$300	US\$200

How to Register: A limited number of seats are available and workshops will be held concurrently. Register online or obtain a registration form at: http://www.brc.tamus.edu/swat/conf_5th.html

Cancellation Policy: There will be no refunds for cancellations.

Conference Registration, August 5-7, 2009

The conference registration fee includes conference materials, coffee breaks, and a social dinner.

Early Registration for participants, US\$300 and for students, US\$100. Registration must be received on or before May 31, 2009. Registrations received after May 31, 2009 for participants is US\$350 and for students is US\$150.

How to Register: Register online or obtain a registration form at http://www.brc.tamus.edu/swat/conf_5th.html

Cancellation Policy: Participants who cancel by June 1, 2009 will receive 70% of registration fee. Participants who cancel after June 1, 2009 will only receive 25% of registration fee. No refunds for cancellations after July 20, 2009.

Conference Venue

University of Colorado, Boulder Colorado

Workshops will be at the campus Engineering Center in Labs 157 and 161 (Bechtel Lab).

The conference will be at the University Memorial Center (Rooms 235, and 382-386)

Call for Papers

Conference Proceedings will be published. Deadline for abstract submission: April 30, 2009. Deadline for paper submission: June 30, 2009. Upload abstracts to the conference Website: http://www.brc.tamus.edu/swat/conf_5th.html

Accommodations

To receive a discounted conference rate, a limited number of rooms have been blocked at the following designated conference hotels:

Rodeway Inn & Suites, (303) 444-3330 or (800) 338-5407

Best Western Boulder Inn, (800) 233-8469

To receive conference rates, reservations must be made by June 15, 2009 and when making reservations, reference "SWAT Conference". For more information or a listing of more hotels in Boulder, please visit,

http://www.brc.tamus.edu/swat/conf_5th.html

What to Expect

- SWAT development and application
- Large scale assessment
- Landscape processes
- In-stream
- GIS interfaces and databases
- Climate change
- New developments
- Auto-calibration and uncertainty analysis•

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August 11-15, 2009

6th Annual General Meeting 11 to 15 August, 2009 and **International Exhibition 11 to 14 August, 2009**

AOGS2009 at SUNTEC Singapore, www.asiaoceania.org/aogs2009/index.asp

August 12-15, 2009

3rd International Dry Toilet Conference, Organisers: Global Dry Toilet Association of Finland, Venue: Tampere, Finland www.drytoilet.org/dt2009

August 23-28, 2009

Second World Congress of Agroforestry (WCA2)
23-28 August 2009, Nairobi, Kenya <http://worldagroforestry.org/wca2009>

Register online at www.worldagroforestry.org/wca2009 by **30 April 2009** and save \$50 on the registration fee. Please contact wca2009@cgiar.org

*****Registration deadline has been extended to July 31, 2009**

August 24, 2009

24 [WATER, ENGAGEMENT FOR OUR FUTURE - AER Summer Schools 2009](#) Valencia Spain

August 24-28, 2009

South Africa Chapter Announces Synergism in Erosion Control

The Chapter's national conference will take place August 24-28 in the North West Province of South Africa. [For links leading to basic information about the conference, presentation topics and to sponsor, click here >.](#)

August 25-28, 2009

1st International IFOAM Conference on **Organic Animal and Plant Breeding**

BREEDING DIVERSITY, Sante Fe, NM, USA, August 25-28, 2009

Benefit from the excellent [conference program](#)! [Just click here for online registration](#) or fax the filled [registration form](#)! Find the entire conference description on: www.ifoam.org/breeding-diversity-conference.html
Contact with me with any questions at: conference@ifoam.org Zoe Heuschkel

August 26-28, 2009

Pedometrics 2009, see www.pedometrics.org/2009/ (Source: IUSS Alert 48)

August 28-30, 2009

The 2nd International Conference on Environmental and Computer Science (ICECS 2009), Dubai, UAE.

Submission Deadline: **May 1, 2009**, Contact icecs@vip.163.com

August 30-September 2, 2009

Two conferences - 31st International Conference of CIGR Section IV "Rational Use of Energy in Agriculture and the Economical Use of the Renewable Sources in connection with Environmental Protection", and "Synergy and Technical development in the Agricultural Engineering", Organisers: CIGR Hungarian National Committee, the Hungarian Electrotechnical Association and the Mechanical Engineering Faculty of the Szent István University Venue: Gödöllő, Hungary
www.synergy2009.szie.hu

September 1-4, 2009

CIGR V Conference - Technology and Management to Increase Efficiency in Sustainable Agricultural Systems Organisers: CADIR, UNR and INTA, Venue: Rosario, Argentina. www.cigr2009argentina.org

September 1-5, 2009

International Soil Tillage and Ecology Conference

The Bulgarian Soil Tillage Organization (a branch of ISTRO) invites ISTRO members and their colleagues to participate in an international conference on September 1 to 5, 2009, at the "Orhided" hotel, in Albena.
See www.tillage.hit.bg or contact the conference secretariats (Dr. M. Benkova, Dr. P. Yankov) at istrobq@mail.bg or istrobq@gmail.com.

September 3, 2009

03 CEST2009 - 11th International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology Chania Greece

September 3-4, 2009

2009 International Cotton Conference

The 10th International Cotton Conference will be held in Gdynia, Poland on September 3-4, 2009. Their Attractiveness in Multidirectional Applications", the conference will coincide with the International Year of Natural Fibers. <http://www.gca.org.pl/x.php/2,326/10th-International-Cotton-Conference.html>

September 6-9, 2009

International Conference on Land and Water Degradation Processes and Management

(www.ufz.de/index.php?en=16521), www.ufz.de/comland2009 **MAGDEBURG, GERMANY**

Organizer: Dr. Gregor Ollesch, gregor.ollesch@ufz.de, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research, Dept. of Soil Physics, Magdeburg, Germany. **Cooperating Organizations:** International: COMLAND
Regional/Local: Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research

September 8-10, 2009

2nd World Seed Conference 2009

<http://worldseedconference.org/en/worldseedconference/home.html>

September 13-16, 2009

Agricultural Technologies in a Changing Climate - the 2009 CIGR International Symposium of the Australian Society for Engineering in Agriculture. Venue: Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, www.seag2009.com/

September 13-16, 2009

14th European Congress on Biotechnology

Please see the website at: <http://www.ecb14.eu> and the press release at:

<http://www.belgobiotech.be/Events.cfm?EventID=379> for more information.

September 14, 2009

Water for Power: Water Management for Power Professionals in a Time of Scarcity Los Angeles CA

September 14-18, 2009

19th International Symposium on Environmental Biogeochemistry, Hamburg, Germany

[ISEB2009SecondCircular.pdf \(241KB\)](#)

Contact Oliver Dilly at oliver.dilly@zmaw.de; www.klimacampus.de

September 15-17, 2009

Global Crop Protection Summit

Please visit www.cropprotectionsummit.com/

September 16, 2009 (one day)

WORLD RESOURCES FORUM

The first World Resources Forum will be held in Davos, Switzerland, 16 September 2009. Theme: From the Natural Sciences to Economics. See the [WRF Planning Poster](#). Contact: [Dr. Lorenz M. Hilty](#).



LANDCON 0909 Meeting*



September 16-18, 2009

***INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION IN MEMORY OF PROFESSOR JOHN B. THORNES** (<http://fobos.bio.um.es/thornesi/doku.php>) MURCIA, SPAIN

Important Dates:

Conference dates: September 16-18, 2009

Abstract submission deadline: **31 January 2009**

Review and suggestions by the scientific committee for authors: 28 February 2009

Full text submission deadline: **31 April 2009**

Organizers: Prof. Francisco López Bermúdez. Universidad de Murcia (España); Prof. Asunción Romero Díaz.(arodi@um.es) Universidad de Murcia (España); Dr. Francisco Alonso Sarria. Universidad de Murcia (España); Dr. Francisco Belmonte Serrato. Universidad de Murcia (España); D. Ramón García Marín. Universidad de Murcia (España)

Cooperating Organizations: International/National: Spanish Geomorphological Society; COMLAND
Regional/Local: Dept. of Physical Geography - Murcia University, Spain

[Download registration form](#). The registration payment must be made through a cash payment or transfer to the bank account No. 00496670492916006326 of the Bank of Santander. The receipt of the transfer or deposit should be sent by mail or fax.

CATEGORY

Registration fees

Registration fees

(before June 30 2009) (after June 30 2009)

General	100 €	110 €
Member of SEG	75 €	85 €
Students (with justification)	50 €	60 €
Closing dinner (optional)	30 €	30 €

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This meeting is endorsed by WASWC and will strictly follow the Guidelines for Successful Meetings

<http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html>

September 17-21, 2009

Biodiversity Conservation, Ecosystem Services and Poverty Reduction – Shaping a New Agenda: The German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), as part of the Steering Group on Linking Conservation and Poverty Reduction, is organising a workshop titled "Biodiversity Conservation, Ecosystem Services and Poverty Reduction – Shaping a New Agenda". The workshop will be held at BfN's International Academy for Nature Conservation on the Isle of Vilm, Germany, September 17th to 21st. This is the 4th workshop in a series of events held on the Isle of Vilm that deals with linking conservation and poverty reduction. This year's workshop specifically aims to develop inputs for ongoing discussions in the context of biodiversity and poverty, which include the specification of a clear conceptual framework and the identification of indicators. For more information, please contact till.hopf@bfn.de.

September 20-25, 2009

Soils of Urban, Industrial, Traffic, Mining, and Military Areas conference [Abstract deadline June 30, 2009]

The SUITMA 5 organizing group here in New York City has updated the SUITMA website (<http://www.nycswcd.net/suitma-2009/>) with the following details: The direct link to the new registration website is:

<https://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Register/IdentityConfirmation.aspx?e=023d3bf1-20b8-4da8-925c-5a17d8e0e101>

-Preliminary Agenda (<http://www.nycswcd.net/suitma-2009/agenda.html>)

-Registration Prices (Registration Website still under development) (<http://www.nycswcd.net/suitma-2009/travel.html>)

-Contracted Hotel Prices, Details, and Booking information (<http://www.nycswcd.net/suitma-2009/travel.html>)

Please also note, the abstract website is still open for submission here:

<http://guest.cvent.com/i.aspx?4W,M3,657340b8-3aef-4acc-afc9-859103fd7367>

More abstract information, from our SUITMA homepage, at: <http://www.nycswcd.net/suitma-2009/abstract.html>. We plan to extend the deadline for abstract submission through the end of May.

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September 21-22, 2009

Seize the business opportunities in the budding US carbon market

Washington D.C., USA. [Click here](#) to download a copy of the full agenda; [Click here](#) to register

September 21-22, 2009

11th Annual BIOECON Conference on "Economic Instruments to Enhance the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity"

The Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, in association with Conservation International, DEFRA, Department of Land Economy of Cambridge University and European Investment Bank, announces the Eleventh International BIOECON Conference on "Economic Instruments to Enhance the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity". The Conference will be held at the Centro Culturale Don Orione Artigianelli, in **Venice, Italy**.

September 21-25, 2009

2nd ECHO Asia Agricultural Conference, Empress Hotel, Chiang Mai, Thailand

ECHO Asia Agricultural Conference

The ECHO Asia Agricultural Conference is geared towards enabling persons who serve Asia's poor to network solutions related to alleviating hunger and poverty. The conference offers three mornings of plenary sessions featuring knowledgeable and experienced speakers (including Dr. Norman Uphoff, researcher and advocate of SRI rice production worldwide; Salinee Tavarana, director of the Border Green Energy Team that provides hands-on appropriate technology training and financial support to village innovators in ethnic minority areas on both sides of the Thai/Burma border; and Jon Jandai and Peggy

Reents, founders of Pun Pun, organic farm, seed-saving operation and sustainable living and learning center known especially for its promotion of earthen houses).

The conference will also include dozens of afternoon and evening workshops and discussion groups led by regional agricultural development workers and experts. Several members of the ECHO team based in Ft. Myers, Florida, will be at the conference, including Stan Doerr (President/CEO of ECHO), Beth Doerr (Intern Manager/Agricultural Consultant who brings expertise related to the Moringa tree and Appropriate Technologies, and Dr. Tim Motis (Director of ECHO's Agricultural Resources Department and Seed Bank Director).

Conference sessions run from September 22 to 24. September 25 includes post-conference tours to notable venues in northern Thailand. For more information (including conference fees) and to register online, see the ECHO Events webpage (www.echoevents.echotech.org) or contact echoasia@echonet.org. **Registration deadline is August 1, 2009.**

September 22-25, 2009

ABIC 2009: Agricultural Biotechnology for Better Living and a Clean Environment will be held September 22-25, 2009 at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center, Bangkok, Thailand. Visit <http://www.abic.ca/abic2009> for additional information.

September 22-25, 2009

Brazilian Biosafety Congress

More information is available at <http://www.anbio.org.br> or e-mail secretaria@anbio.org.br.

September 24-26, 2009

International Congress on Aromatic and Medicinal Plants

Location: Ifrane, Morocco

September 27-29, 2009

1st meeting of the European Network on Soil Awareness (ENSA) will take place in Osnabrück, Germany from 27-29 September 2009. http://eusoiils.jrc.ec.europa.eu/events/future_events/ENSA.pdf

September 27-October 2, 2009

WORLD POPULATION The International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) announces the XXVI International Population Conference, 27 September - 2 October 2009, Marrakech, Morocco. For the CFP and paper submissions visit the [marrakech2009](http://marrakech2009.org).

September 28-October 1, 2009

African Crop Science Society Conference

The 9th African Crop Science Society Conference is scheduled to be held on 28 September 2009 at Cape Town, South Africa. Visit conference website at <http://www.acss2009.up.ac.za/> for more information or contact G.D. Joubert at joub@absamail.co.za

September 28, 2009

International Workshop on Urbanisation, Land Use, Land Degradation and Environment Denizli Turkey

September 28-30, 2009

1st Conference on Arab Women in Science and Technology Location: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

September 28-October 1, 2009

9th African Crop Science Society Conference: Science and Technology supporting food security in Africa, Cape Town, South Africa. **Contact:** Dr G D Joubert e: joub@absamail.co.za | [More...](#)

September 29-30, 2009

Carbon Markets Turkey, South Caucasus & Central Asia

Understand key market changes and carbon reduction opportunities **Istanbul, Turkey**

This key regional event is a high level business networking conference, which will focus on the developments and business opportunities in the voluntary and compliance carbon markets in Turkey, Southern Caucasus, and Central Asia. Click [here](#) for more information

October 4-7, 2009

5th International Biotechnology Symposium, October 4 –7, 2009, Location: Jamshoro, Pakistan

October 5-10, 2009

CISDA IV Latin American Congress and Development and Environment, 5-10 October 2009, Bogotá, Colombia

The forth Latin American Congress on Development and Environment (CISDA IV) will be held in Bogota, Colombia, from the 5-10th of October 2009. CISDA IV, *Constructing Alternative Models of Development*, will address issue similar to the International Conference on Development and Environment in Rio de Janiero and Johannesburg in the context of Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula. The event will offer a forum to share experiences, knowledge and practice as well as to promote a space for future collaboration between actors in Latin America.

The Congress is sponsored by The Latin American Network of Ecological Economics along with the Institute of Environmental Studies for Development of Pontificia Javiera University, the Institute of Environmental Studies (IDEA) of the National University of Colombia, and the Institute of Investigation and Development in Water supply, Environmental Cleaning and Conservation of Recurso Hídrico (CINARA), of the University of the Valley. For more information and to register see: www.cisdaiv.unal.edu.co/.

October 7-9, 2009. IGU Commissions on Land Use and Cover Change and Biogeography and Biodiversity, are jointly organizing an International Seminar at Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh state of Central India) during October 7-9, 2009. Contact R.B. Singh at rbsgeo1@yahoo.com

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October 7-11, 2009

15th International Symposium on Environmental Pollution and its Impact on Life in the Mediterranean Region: Environmental Threats in the Mediterranean Region: Problems and Solutions, Bari, Italy

Organized by **MESAEP** Mediterranean Scientific Association of Environmental Protection

<http://www.mesaep.org/mesaep/symposium-2009-bari-italy/registration-form/> Prof. Nicola Senesi President of MESAEP
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October 8, 2009

[Conference on sustainable development of water resource in Egypt](#) Location: Shebeen el-koum, Egypt

Documents: [Brochure](#) - [Application form](#)

October 12-13, 2009

5th edition of the [Voluntary Carbon Markets](#) conference and exhibition which is taking place at the America Square Conference Centre, London.

October 12-14, 2009

Plant Biotechnology Conference in Africa

With the theme, *Agriculture: Africa's "Engine for Growth" - Plant Science and Biotechnology Hold the Key*, an international conference on Plant Biotechnology in Africa is scheduled to take place at Rothamsted Research, Harpenden, Herts, UK on 12-14 October 2009. www.aab.org.uk/contentok.php?id=83&basket=wwsshowconfdets.

October 12-15, 2009

International Conference on Food Security and Climate Change in Dry Areas

An international conference on Food Security and Climate Change in Dry Areas, organized by the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) and Jordan's Ministry of Agriculture, will be held at Amman, Jordan on October 12-15, 2009. For more information visit

http://www.icarda.org/Announcement/2009/IntlConfnc_FoodSecurity/FoodSecurityAndClimateChangeInDryAreas_2009.htm or contact n.haddad@cgiar.org

October 13, 2009

[Symposium Water management and spatial planning](#) Arnhem Netherlands

October 13-16, 2009

Irish Landscape Conference, Tullamore County, Offaly, Ireland

This conference will evaluate progress on the actions that emerged during the 1999 'Toward Policies and Priorities for the Irish Landscape' conference. If you are interested in attending please contact Anne Barcoe at abarcoe@heritagecouncil.ie. A final program will be circulated in the spring of 2009.

October 13-16, 2009

Second DIVERSITAS Open Science Conference, Biodiversity and society: Understanding connections, adapting to change, 13-16 October 2009, Cape Town, South Africa

For more information and to register see: <http://www.diversitas-osc.org/docs/publications/SecondAnnouncement-final.pdf>

October 13-19, 2009

14th WOCAT Annual Workshop and Steering Meeting will be held in Morocco from 13-19 October 2009.

Deadline for registration is 1 September. After that, you can still participate, but we cannot guarantee the availability of appropriate accommodation. Please use the on-line registration form indicated in the announcement www.wocat.net.

We hope to see many of you in Morocco.

Kind regards on behalf of WOCAT Management Group and [Secretariat](#)
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October 14-16, 2009

2009 Borlaug Dialogue on Food, Agriculture, and National Security in a Globalized World, Des Moines, Iowa, USA For more information see: www.worldfoodprize.org/symposium/2009.htm

October 19-21, 2009

2009 CABI Global Summit: The CABI (Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences International) Global Summit will be held in London, United Kingdom from 19-21 October, 2009. www.cabiglobalsummit.com/delegate_landing.aspx

October 19-22, 2009

22nd Asian Pacific Weed Science Conference: Judicious Weed Management - Road To Sustainability, Lahore, Pakistan. **Organiser:** the Asian-Pacific Weed Science Society & G. C. University **Contact:** Prof. Dr. Gul Hassan, t: 92-91-9218206 | 9216542, e: secretarywssp@yahoo.com | [More...](#)

LANDCON 0910 Meeting*

October 19-24, 2009

Conference on “**Soil and Water Conservation Management and Restoration of the Tropical Soils Productivity**”, organized by the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), Port au Prince, Haiti. Contact Eric Roose roose@mpl.ird.fr, <http://www.chercheurs.auf.org>, <http://www.mpl.ird/SeqBio>

Erosión, GCES y restauración de la productividad de las tierras en medios tropicales

Proyecto de coloquio AUF en Haití del 19 al 24 de octubre 2009

Versión 3 del 23/2/2009

See details in WASWC HOT NEWS for April 2009

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<http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html>

October 20, 2009

Food Security in a Climate of Change Global Summit, 20 October 2009, London, UK

For more information on CABI and the Summit see: https://www.cabiglobalsummit.com/delegate_landing.aspx.

October 20-23, 2009

VIII TALLER INTERNACIONAL

“LOS ÁRBOLES Y ARBUSTOS EN LA GANADERÍA”

POR EL DESARROLLO PECUARIO SOSTENIBLE Y LA SEGURIDAD ALIMENTARIA

Octubre 20-23 de 2009 Centro de Convenciones Plaza América

Varadero, CUBA

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October 20-23, 2009

FOSS4G (Free and Open-source Software) 2009 Conference (20-23 October 2009, Sydney, Australia)
There is a fantastic line up of Keynotes, Presentations, Workshops and Tutorials at FOSS4G 2009. There is also the Climate Change Integration Plugfest (CCIP) for demonstration of standards based interoperability between Open Source and Proprietary geospatial applications based on a Climate Change Scenario. There is also an academic track <http://2009.foss4g.org/researchpapers/> and ICA Working Group on Open Source Geospatial Technologies is pleased to be involved in the organisation of the academic track for FOSS4G 2009. Please register at <http://2009.foss4g.org/index.html>

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<http://www.opensourcegis.org.uk/>, <http://ica-opensource.scg.ulaval.ca/>

October 21-23, 2009

ASEAN Conference on Biodiversity, Singapore <http://www.tradechakra.com/events/singapore/asean-conference-on-biodiversity-2009-1664.php>

October 24-25, 2009

4th international conference on **PROTECTION OF STRUCTURES AGAINST HAZARDS**

24-25- October 2009, Beijing, China. Contact Er John S Y Tan, CI-PREMIER PTE LTD, 150 Orchard Road #07-14, Orchard Plaza, Singapore 238841, Tel: (065) 6733-2922 Fax: (065) 6235-3530 E-Mail: cipremie@singnet.com.sg

October 26-29, 2009

[AFRICA GIS](#) International Conference AfricaGIS2009, 26– 29 October 2009, Kampala, Uganda. Conference theme: "Geo-Spatial Information and Sustainable Development in Africa: Facing Challenges of Global Change." For further information please visit the [AFRICAGIS2009 conference website](#). For general inquiries contact [AfricaGIS 2009](#).

October 27-30, 2009

9th Conference of the East and Southeast Asian Federation of Soil Science, 27-30 October 2009, Seoul, S Korea.

The main theme of this international meeting is Soils as a Convergent Technology in Tandem with Human and Ecosystem Health-Enhancement of Soil Performances for Well-being. The 9th ESAFS will be comprised of plenary and invited lectures, symposia and technical sessions including poster presentation. The official language in the conference is English. Symposia include: Soil engineering and technology for human and ecosystem health, Plant nutrition and human welfare, Asia-centric soil informatics, Paddy soils: Better performances for human and ecosystem health. Field Tours include: Designated Districts for Environmentally Sound Agriculture where participants can experience soil survey, research facilities, farming system, temple, ceramic arts, museums etc. Contact persons are Dr. Chung, Doug Young (Chair of Organizing Committee) dychung@cnu.ac.kr and Dr. Yang, Jae E. (Secretary General) yangjay@kangwon.ac.kr (Source: IUSS Alert 47).

November 2, 2009

[Sustainable Infrastructure and Built Environment in Developing Countries \(SIBE 2009\)](#) Bandung, Indonesia

November 2-5, 2009

Agricultural Biotechnologies in Developing Countries 2009

The United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is organizing a technical conference on *Agricultural biotechnologies in developing countries (ABDC): Options and opportunities in crops, forestry, livestock, fisheries and agro-industry to face the challenges of food insecurity and climate change*. The conference will take place in Guadalajara, Mexico on 2-5 November 2009. ABDC-09 is co-organized by the Government of Mexico and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Visit <http://www.fao.org/biotech/abdc/conference-home/en/> for more information.

November 3-5, 2009

TWAS Regional Young Scientists' Conference

Food, Health and Fuel: Plants for the Future is the theme for the Third World Academy Sciences (TWAS) Regional Young Scientists' Conference in Kuala Lumpur on November 3-5, 2009. www.frim.gov.my/twas/main.html

November 3-5, 2009

[9th Scientific Conference on the role of scientific research in agricultural development "Towards agricultural renaissance for sustainable development"](#) Location: Khartoum, Sudan Documents: [Arabic](#) - [English](#)

November 5-7, 2009

IPI-OUAT-IPNI International symposium on potassium role and benefits in improving nutrient management for food production, quality and reduced environmental damage, Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India, November 5-7, 2009. Contact Dr. D. Jena, Organizing Secretary, Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar - 751003, Orissa, India. www.ipipotash.org; www.ipni.net; www.ouat.ac.in Those who are interested in receiving Second Circular may please write to the Organizing Secretary dinabandhu_jena@yahoo.com

November 6-7, 2009

AgEng2009 67th International Conference on Agricultural Engineering LAND. TECHNIK / AgEng2009 Agricultural Engineering - Innovations to meet Future Challenges 6-7 November 2009, Hanover, Germany Registration and call for papers at www.vdi.de/landtechnik-ageng or VDI Wissensforum Kundenzentrum, Postfach 10 11 39, 40002 Duesseldorf (Germany), email: wissensforum@vdi.de, Tel: +49 (0) 211 62 14-201, Fax: -1 54.

November 7-8, 2009

LANDCON 0911 Meeting*

Upland for Food Security, an international seminar, organized at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Soedirman, Purwokerto, Central Java, Indonesia

Increasing human population resulted in more demand on foods, fibers, energy, and settlements. Many fertile arable soils with easy access have been converted into settlement and industrial areas. Therefore, sustainable food production systems in marginal upland areas are one of the greatest challenges.

This seminar will examine local technology, new agricultural technologies, and many recent findings for food production and processing that might aid in efforts to achieve sustainable upland agricultural systems for securing foods, fibers and energy.

Participants: This seminar is open to academicians, researchers, practicals, students, general publics and interested parties. Sessions include:

1. Agronomy & Crop Management
2. Crop improvement & biotechnology
3. Economic & Social Development
4. Food Processing & Nutrition
5. Cropping Systems & Land Conservation



Registration fee: Participants willing to give oral presentation or poster presentation are requested to send an abstract and register in advance to the Organizing committee not later than 1 August 2009. The fee is **US\$125** for foreigner and **Rp 350,000** for Indonesian. The fees for students are half of the stated fees. The fee covers materials and seminar kits and food and drink during seminar. Transportation, accommodation and food and drink not in the seminar are not included. For additional information, send queries to: Dr. Budi Prakoso, Faculty of Agriculture, the University of Soedirman, Purwokerto, Indonesia prabud2001@yahoo.com

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REGISTRATION FORM INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON UPLAND FOR FOOD SECURITY Purwokerto, Indonesia 7-8 November 2009

Please complete this form and fax or e-mail to:

Organizing committee of International Seminar on Upland for Food Security
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Date of Birth :
Institution :

Mailing address:

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E-mail :
Participation : Oral Presentation/ Poster Presentation/ Participant

Date
Signature

November 8-12, 2009

18th Symposium of the International Scientific Centre of Fertilizers:

MORE SUSTAINABILITY IN AGRICULTURE: NEW FERTILIZERS AND FERTILIZATION MANAGEMENT, Rome, Italy

Symposium secretary: Francesco FORNARO: Agricultural Research Council

Research Unit for Cropping System in Dry Environments (Bari) – Italy. E-mail: francesco.fornaro@entecra.it, Fax: +39 0805475023

November 9-10, 2009

Global Feed Summit "Increased volatility in raw materials prices, cost saving measures & food safety standards" Location: Bali, Indonesia

November 9-11, 2009

12th Inter Regional Enviro WaterConference, Organisers: ANAFIDE, CIGR & 2IE. Venue: Marrakech, Morocco www.anafid.org, www.cigr.org

November 9-11, 2009

BCP Congress in Glasgow The British Crop Production Council (BCPC) will hold an international crop production and protection congress and exhibition on November 9-11, 2009 in Glasgow, United Kingdom. www.bcpccongress.com

November 9-12, 2009

2009 International Conference on Horticulture

For more information, visit <http://www.pnasf.org/ich2009.htm>

November 2009 - Postponed to mid- November 2010

16th ISCO Conference, Santiago, Chile. **Contact:** Claudio Perez Castillo (cperez@inia.cl) and German Ruiz Cardenas (german.ruiz@sag.gob.cl)

November 10, 2009

First Conference on the Integrated Water Resources Management Batna Algeria

November 10-11, 2009

The fourth international conference on "Impacts of Climate Change on Natural Resources" Date: November 10-11, 2009; Location: Ismailia, Egypt

November 10-12, 2009

Melbourne Conference on GM - The Fourth International Conference on Coexistence between Genetically Modified (GM) and non-GM based Agricultural Supply Chains will be held in Melbourne. More information can be found at www.gmcc-09.com

November 12-14, 2009

The 2009 International Conference in Morocco

The 2009 International Conference on:

"The Integration of Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development in the Context of Climate Change, the Energy Crisis and Food Insecurity"

November 12-14, 2009 Agadir (Morocco)

Contact Rachid Mrabet at rachidmrabet@yahoo.co.uk

November 16-19, 2009

6th International Rice Genetics Symposium

For more information, visit <http://ricegenetics.com/>

November 18-20, 2009

Conference on **Role of Botanic Gardens in the Conservation of Plant Biological Diversity**, Cienfuegos, Cuba. **Contact:** Dr Lázaro J. Ojeda Quintana, t: (53) (43) 545339 | 545326, f: (53) (43) 545326, e: lazaro@jbc.perla.inf.cu

November 19-21, 2009

National Association of Geographers, India (NAGI) – Annual Indian Geography Congress will be held at the Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh State of Central India) during November 19-21, 2009. Contact R.B. Singh at rbsgeo1@yahoo.com

November 20-22, 2009

13th International conference entitled, 'Environmental Exposures in the Era of Climate Change'

Pacific Basin Consortium for Environment and Health (PBC) is currently accepting abstracts on a variety of topics in the area of environmental health for its 13th International conference entitled, 'Environmental Exposures in the Era of Climate Change', to be held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre in Perth, Australia.

<http://pacificbasin.org/2009Callforabstracts.html>, <http://pacificbasin.org>. Contact: Mahmood A. Khwaja khwaja@sdpi.org

November 22-28, 2009

5th International Conference of ASSS - 22-28 November 2009, Yaoundé – Cameroon

Theme: **Soils and New Challenges for Sustainable Development in Africa**

For information: Visit ASSS Website: www.asssland.org or www.asssonline.org

November 28-30, 2009

Global March and International Conference on Environment, Poverty and Peace

Date: 28th to 30th November, 2009. Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia savetheearthinternational@gmail.com

Save the Earth International, in association and collaboration with other National, Regional and International Organisations, Donor Agencies and UN Bodies are proud to present the **GLOBAL MARCH AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON Environment, POVERTY AND PEACE**, scheduled from the 28-30 November 2009. Dr. M.A. Hakim, Convener mahakim63@yahoo.com

December 1-5, 2009

[4th global summit on medicinal and aromatic plants](#), 1-5 December 2009

Location: Sarawak, Malaysia

December 2, 2009

[3rd World Aqua Congress](#) New Delhi India

December 5-6, 2009

Call for papers, International Conference on Agripreneurship and Rural Development

This conference on agricultural entrepreneurship and rural development will be held from 5-6 December 2009, at the Banaras Hindu University Campus in Varanasi, India. Organizers are soliciting papers on the following themes:

Authors should send one page abstracts describing their research papers, conceptual articles and case studies to the conference secretariat at icard2009@gmail.com by **10 August 2009**. For more information see: <http://www.icard2009.org/>.

December 5-9, 2009

25th Annual Conference of the Soil Science Society of East Africa, 5-9 December 2009 Moshi, Tanzania. The event will draw scientists from Research Organizations, Universities, Non-Governmental Organizations, Community-based Organizations, Farmer Association groups and International Soil-related Organizations operating in Eastern Africa. Papers will be presented in the conference according to the following disciplines: Fertilizer Use Efficiency and Food Security challenges, Climate change challenges to Small scale farming, Combating desertification in Eastern Africa, Land resources data bases in Eastern Africa, Water resources Utilization & Food Security, Effective communication of Soil and Water Research findings, Socio-economics and gender aspects of land management, Organic agriculture. More information e-mail M. Kilasara, Chairman, SSSEA mmkilasara@yahoo.com (Source: IUSS Alert 50)

December 8-10, 2009

Sixteenth Annual ECHO Agricultural Conference, Fort Myers, Florida, U.S.A.

It is with a very special anticipation that we look forward to the annual ECHO Agricultural Conference held in Fort Myers, Florida. This gives us an opportunity to meet many of you who have been part of the ECHO network for years. The conference also gives us the privilege of introducing community development workers, missionaries, and students to the vast array of resources we offer at ECHO.

The conference accommodation and meeting rooms for both morning and evening sessions will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (<http://www.cpfortmyers.com/>) in the Bell Tower district of Fort Myers. Afternoon workshops and demonstrations will be held at the 50-acre ECHO Global Farm in North Fort Myers, which has one of the largest collections of tropical fruits and vegetables in the United States.

The conference brings delegates from around the world to both learn from the conference speakers and to network and learn from each other. The conference is a great opportunity to build your capacity for ministry as well as just be refreshed in your focus on helping the poor.

Attached is the registration form and visa letter application for this year's conference. Please, complete and return all applicable forms with your fees. You may register by FAX if your fees will be paid by credit card (VISA or MasterCard). Conference dates and highlights are on the back of this letter. Check our website for updates as speakers are scheduled (www.echonet.org).

The conference registration form is available online (www.echoevents.org) or by request (phone: 239-543-3246; email: echo@echonet.org).



Stan Doerr, President / CEO
ECHO

December 16-20, 2009

The Tunisian association of the digital geographic information has honor to invite you for participation in the manifestation of the international congress GEOTUNIS in its fourth session on December 16/20/2009 in Tunisia. **“Survey of the hydraulic resources and of desertification by using the geographic information systems, remote detection and numeric designing “**

Several of experts, specialists, researchers, companies and instition concerned with geographic information systems and remote detection will participate in the manifestations congress. www.geotunis.org

December 17-19, 2009

International conference on Food Security and Environmental Sustainability - FSES 2009 at our IIT Kharagpur Campus, Kharagpur, India. www.iitkgp.ac.in, www.agri.iitkgp.ernet.in/fses2009/index.html

Contact Bhabani Das fses2009@gmail.com.



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MEETINGS 2010++

January 11-14, 2010

International conference on Management of Soil and Groundwater Salinization in Arid Regions, Muscat, Oman

February 7-10, 2010

4th International Conference on Plants & Environmental Pollution (ICPEP-4), Lucknow, India, February 7-10, 2010. Contact: The Organizing Secretaries (ICPEP-4), International Society of Environmental Botanists, National Botanical Research – From Yash Kalra ykalra@nrcan.gc.ca

February 8-11, 2010

The International Symposium on STOCHASTIC MODELS in RELIABILITY ENGINEERING, LIFE SCIENCES and OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

February 8-11, 2010, Beer Sheva, Israel

CONTACT Dr. Ilia B. Frenkel, SMRLO'10, Organizing Committee Chair, Sami Shamoon College of Engineering, Bialik/Basel Sts., Beer Sheva, 84100, Israel. Telephone: +972-8-6475-642, Fax: +972-8-6475-643
Email: SMRLO10@sce.ac.il, Site: <http://info.sce.ac.il/i/smrlo10>

February 14-18, 2010

February 16-20, 2010

IECA Announces New Dates for Environmental Connection 2010 Conference

The conference will now begin on February 16, 2010 and continue through February 20, 2010. The commencement of conference activities is two days later than originally planned due to the NBA All-Star Game which will be held in Dallas during the original dates of the conference. [More here >](#)



EC10-IECA's Annual Conference for 2010, Dallas, Texas, USA. **Call for Presentations due May 15, 2009**
www.ieca.org

EC10 Call for Presentations

Are you working on something new or cutting-edge? Does your work deserve to be part of the **world's largest soil and water event**? Then submit for EC10!

At EC10, we are inviting attendees to "*Discover New Frontiers*" and are calling on our presenters to bring the latest, freshest content from the field to the classroom. Here are just a few of the suggested topics for submittals:

- TMDL's & ELG's (public input, model opportunities, implementation)
- MS4's minimum control measures for Phase 2
- Green infrastructure

The deadline for abstracts is **May 15, 2009** and complete submission details are available at [IECA's website](http://www.ieca.org). If you've submitted before here are a couple of new details:

- Submittals that do not meet the May 15, 2009 deadline will be considered for *Environmental Connection 2011*.
- Full-day courses will be considered throughout the year, but only courses submitted by May 15, 2009 will be considered for the EC10 program.

If you are considering submitting, here are some other important dates for your calendar:

- May 15th - Abstracts due
- June 30th - Initial notification of acceptance of abstract sent to authors with guidelines on writing their paper
- July 30th - Papers due
- August 31st - Notification of acceptance of papers sent to authors with presentation guidelines
- September 15th - Corrected papers due
- October 30th - Final presentations due
- February 14th-18th - EC10 in Dallas, TX, USA

Remember, IECA is looking for full-day, half-day and shorter technical presentations (1.5 hours). If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact IECA via [e-mail \(stephanie@ieca.org\)](mailto:stephanie@ieca.org) or at 800-455-4322 or 303-640-7554. IECA's Staff and Board of Directors

February 21-24, 2010

Watershed Technology Conference: call for papers

The 21st Century Watershed Technology: Improving Water Quality and the Environment International Conference will be held at EARTH University in Costa Rica from 21 - 24 February 2010. The Conference will look at emerging problems and new solutions for managing watersheds to meet water quality and quantity standards and will provide a forum for agriculture related professionals to exchange information on science, applications and developments in the use of watershed science and technology.

Professionals working in watershed technology and related areas are invited to submit an abstract for consideration to be presented during the Conference. Please see the announcement at <http://www.watershedtech.org/introduction.htm> for a list of potential topics. Abstracts of 300 words or less should be submitted online through the online application form (http://www.asabe.org/meetings/cfp/call.cfm?mtg_code=water2010), and are due by the 29 July 2009.

March 8-12, 2010

Agbiosafeseed 2010

The International Conference on Agro-biotechnology, Biosafety and Seed Systems in Developing Countries

For more information and inquiries visit <http://www.scifode.org/> or email scifode@scientist.com

March 15-20, 2010

[2nd International conference on biological and environmental sciences](#) Location: Mansoura, Egypt

March 22-26, 2010

Africa Rice Congress 2010 With the theme "Innovation and partnerships to realize Africa's rice potential", Bamako, Mali. www.africaricecenter.org/africaricecongress2010/index.html

April 7-9, 2010

3rd International Conference on Problematic Soils, Adelaide, Australia

Topics

- Peat and organic soils - Volcanic Soils
- Expansive Soils - Collapsible Soils
- Carbonate rich soils - Lateritic soils
- Residual soils - Tailings
- Deep fills - Dispersive soils
- Unsaturated soils

Contact: The Conference Secretariat, CI-PREMIER PTE LTD, 150 Orchard Road #07-14, Orchard Plaza, Singapore 238841

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April 20-25, 2010

5th International Symposium on Gully Erosion, Lublin, Poland. Contact Wojciech Zglobicki at

zglobe@hector.umcs.lublin.pl, <http://gis.umcs.lublin.pl/gullyerosion2010/>

April 26-30, 2010 Interpraevent Conference

LANDCON 1004 Meeting*

Call for Paper

Participants are invited to submit abstracts on INTERPRAEVENT 2010 themes by April 30, 2009. One page abstracts shall summarize in English -the language of the conference- the major unpublished contents of the paper and include name, title, keywords, affiliation of authors as well as the complete address (including fax and e-mail) of the first one. Abstracts should be submitted to here (<http://congress.interpraevent.at/index.php>) by Microsoft WORD files (*.doc). If you have any questions, please send your inquiry to INTERPRAEVENT2010@gmail.com. All contributions will be reviewed by the Local and International Committees. Acceptance will be notified by the end of May 2009.

Deadline for submission of abstract 30 April 2009

Notification of abstract acceptance 31 May 2009

Deadline for submission of full-paper manuscript 31 October 2009

Notification of paper acceptance 30 November 2009

End of early registration 15 January 2010

Finalized technical program 15 February 2010

Symposium 26 April 2010



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May 17-19, 2009



المركز الدولي للزراعة الملحية
International Center for Biosaline Agriculture
Dubai, UAE

*Under the Patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al-Nahyan
Ruler's Representative in the Western Region Abu Dhabi
Chairman Environment Agency Abu Dhabi*

First Announcement

International Conference on Soil Classification and Reclamation of Degraded Lands in Arid Environments

AND

Launching of Abu Dhabi Soil Survey Report

17-19 May, 2010
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Organized by:

**The Environment Agency Abu Dhabi (EAD)
The International Center for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA)**

Background

The soils display extensive spatial and temporal variability in their properties, and therefore, their understanding, soil classification, land use management and reclamation are of prime importance. Soil information provides foundation for potential uses and problems that may arise and therefore is the key for policy and decision making, especially in arid regions facing severe water scarcity. The co-occurrence of the International conference and launching of the Abu Dhabi Soil Survey Report will provide excellent opportunities to the international scientific community to share the world soils information leading to proper land use management, and reclamation of degraded land in arid environments.

Objectives

- To bring forth and introduce Abu Dhabi Soil Survey Report to the Scientific Community at large.
- To discuss and review classification of soils and land use in arid environment.
- To examine advances made in soil salinity mapping, monitoring and land reclamation in degraded irrigated agriculture ecosystems.
- To review impacts of use of marginal water in agriculture and landscaping.
- To identify research development (R&D) needs and utilization of database of soil survey and classification including policy and institutions.
- To bring together scientists, professionals and decision-makers to share knowledge and information on land use and planning.

Conference Structure

The Conference will include:

- Launching of the Abu Dhabi Soil Survey Report.
- Plenary papers by invited speakers on a specific conference topic.
- Submitted papers that have been selected for presentation at the conference.
- Workshop on utilization of soil survey data in land use planning and policy implications.
- A field trip to different soil types to agricultural production areas in Abu Dhabi.

Scientific Sessions

1. Soil Survey and Classification Strategies and use in different agroecological Zones.
2. Advances in Soil Salinity Mapping, Monitoring and Reclamation.
3. Land use planning and policy implications.
4. Use of marginal quality water in agriculture and landscaping.
5. Research and Development/Innovations in Soil Classification and Reclamation.
6. Workshop on constraints, potential and use of soil survey database.

Call for papers

The Scientific Committee invites international scientific community to attend international conference and present their work relevant to conference themes. The interested participants can send an abstract (300 words Arial 11, abstract title Arial 14 bold) through email to Chairman of Scientific Committee. The Scientific Committee will evaluate the abstracts and notify the acceptance or otherwise. The participants would then be requested to submit full manuscript for publication in conference book. All papers will be peer reviewed prior to publication in conference book, which will be distributed to registered participants on May 17.

Language

English will be the official language of the Conference with possibility for translation in Arabic for some presentations.

Important Deadlines

30 November 2009	Deadline for abstract submission
20 December 2009	Notification of abstract acceptance
15 February 2010	Deadline for submission of extended papers
30 April 2010	Final program notified to participants
17 May 2010	Conference starts

Conference Venue

The Conference will be held in a hotel in Abu Dhabi city.

Travel and Accommodation

- The Organizing Committee will be responsible for travel and accommodation expenses for invited speakers.
- The Organizing Committee will provide full or partial financial support for participants based on innovative research and quality of the paper submitted to the conference.
- To ensure participation from developing countries, financial support will be provided by the Organizing Committee to cover cost of ticket and accommodation.
- The Organizing Committee will assist in visa issuance and logistic support

Registration

Registration is free for all participants. Registered participants will be provided with conference material, abstract book, copy of conference proceeding, lunches and opportunity to participate in conference study tour.

Conference Committees

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HE Majid Al Mansouri, Secretary General, Environment Agency Abu Dhabi

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- Dr. Taoufik Ksiksi (UAE University)

Registration Form

International Conference on Soil Classification and Reclamation of Degraded Lands in Arid Environments

AND

Launching of Abu Dhabi Soil Survey Report

Abu Dhabi City, 17-19 May 2010

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May 18-22, 2010

7th International Symposium Agro Environ "Strategies and policies for a sustainable use and management of agricultural soils for its local and global impacts", Cancun, Mexico. Contact José L. Oropeza-Mota oropeza@colpos.mx

May 24-26, 2010

LANDCON 1005 Meeting*

First international conference of soil and roots engineering relationship

Ardebil Province, Iran

24-26 May 2010

This conference is the first in the series of LANDCON on soil and roots engineering relationship. The aim of this meeting is to bring together scientific researchers, practitioners, geotechnical and civil engineers, biologists, ecologists, rangeland managers and foresters to discuss current problems in soil and root engineering relationship. Papers will be presented orals and posters on Mechanics of Roots, wind loading on roots system, slope instability, soil erosion with water and wind, soil hydrology, mountain plants ecology, land use planning, Modeling root reinforcement, Failure criteria of roots, Root and soil interaction, catchments management, Ground bio-engineering, Eco-engineering and modeling of root reinforcement. www.landcon-ir.com/index.htm;
Landcon.ir@gmail.com

We hope that you will be able to join us at this meeting, to be held in mountain part of Ardebil Province, Iran (800 km NW of Teheran, between Tabriz and the Caspian Sea). We look forward to seeing you in May 2010!

Organizing Committee

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Call for paper:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avalanches bio- engineering• Biological richness• Catchment's management with Plant• coastline protection with plants• Debris flow bio- engineering• Disaster management on soil debris• disturbance ecology• Effect of grazing on Vegetation diversity• Effect of human intervention on root-soil Interaction• Effect of silviculture on root-soil Interaction• Effect of wind throw on soil stress• Effects of wind loading on Roots• Evapotranspiration• Failure criteria of roots | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flow mitigation with plants• Forest Soil Environment• Forests and Water Interactions• High-altitude plant ecosystems• influence of climate change on vegetation• Landslides bio- engineering• Legislation for soil bio-engineering• Mechanics of Roots under wind loading• Modeling root reinforcement• Mountain biodiversity• plant establishment• Plant growth versus engineering• plant management• planting cuttings on embankments |
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- Risk management with GIS
- Riverbank protection with plants
- Rockfall bio- engineering
- Root anchorage
- root and soil ecology
- Root and soil interaction
- root and soil interface
- root architecture
- root density
- Root effect on soil cohesion
- root growth
- root morphology
- Root reinforcement
- Root strength
- run-off protection with plants
- short and long-term measures on soil debris
- Slope degradation

- Slope hydrology
- Slope stability modeling
- soil bio-engineering techniques
- soil fixing techniques
- Soil loss protection with plants root
- soil moisture relations and vegetation
- soil nailing
- soil protective techniques
- soil sealing with plant roots
- species selection for soil protection
- torrent control with plants
- unsaturated strength of soil
- Vegetation ecology
- Vegetation structural diversity
- wind erosion and conservation with plant

Conference Information

Deadlines:

Abstract submission: Nov. 15, 2009. Please send only to landcon.ir.abstract@gmail.com.

Acceptance of abstract: Jan. 22, 2010.

Full paper submission: March 15, 2010. Email of Full paper sending will be confirmed after abstract acceptance.

Abstract Guidelines:

The [abstract guidelines](#) are in Word format.

Exhibits:

Display tables will be available for equipment developers, manufacturers, consultants, and other organizations to demonstrate their *soil and roots engineering* technologies and equipment. For more information on display space, please contact the conference coordinator.

Presentations

Presentations will be made in the form of oral or posters. Key-note lectures will be 25 minutes long and standard lectures will be 15 minutes long with 5 minutes for questions.

Posters will be on display throughout the conference days.

Language:

The official language for the conference is English.

Conference venue

To be confirmed

Conference abstracts A book of abstracts will be available for each conference participant. Please submit abstracts (1 page maximum) before Nov. 15, 2009. Please also send the abstract submission form with your contribution and use the specified format for writing your abstract. Please select "[Subject Areas](#)" of your abstract in your email, when you send it.

Conference proceedings

Proceedings will be published in a special edition of a Book.

Manuscripts to be submitted for publication in the proceedings will be send before **March 15, 2010**.

Arrival and information

For arriving to Ardebil city in Northwest Iran you can tow way selection:

- 1- If you take Turkish airline (WWW.THY.com) you can fly to Tabriz International Airport and pick up group of conference will lead you to arrive conference *venue* on May 23, 2010 (before day of conference). Tabriz city to Ardebil city is about 200 Km. Taxis cost 50000 Rials (about 5\$) to the Ardebil city.
- 2- If you take another airline ticket can fly to Tehran International Airport (Imam Khomeini International Airport) about 40 Km to Tehran city and pick up group of conference will lead you arrive conference *venue* on May 23, 2010 (before day of conference). Taxis cost 300000 Rials (about 30\$) to Tehran. Tehran city to Ardebil city is about 800 Km. Flights and buses link Tehran to Ardebil with respectively cost about 800000 Rials (80\$) and 80000 Rials (8\$).

Please announce of your flight to conference coordinator for pick you up with conference leaders in airports (Tabriz or Tehran).

REGISTRATION FEE:

Category	Before March 31, 2010		After March 31, 2010	
Registration	Iranian colleague	Foreign colleague	Iranian colleague	Foreign colleague
Professionals	2,000,000 Rials	250 EUR€	2,600,000 Rials	300 EUR€
Students	1,600,000 Rials	170 EUR€	1,900,000 Rials	220 EUR€
Equipment exhibit (during poster session)	7,000,000 Rials /Display table	780 EUR€/Display table	9,500,000 Rials /Display table	930 EUR€/Display table
Banquet (5/26)	Free for registered	Free for registered	Free for registered	Free for registered
Post-conference tour (5/27)	500,000 Rials	60 EUR€	700,000 Rials	80 EUR€

***Registration fee will include: admission to all sessions, three lunches (5/24-26) and three dinners (5/23-25) during the conference, Banquet (5/26) and coffee during the break**

Cancellation and Refund

If you cannot attend the conference after payment because of some especial reasons, please contact us for cancellation. A cancellation fee will be charged as follows:

Before March 31, 2010: Charge is **30%** for Professionals and **25%** for students (for total **registration fee**)

Between April 1 and April 30, 2010: Charge is **60%** for Professionals and **50%** for students (for total **registration fee**)

After April 30, 2010: No refund.

Accommodation

A list of hotels and an accommodation form will be displayed on the conference web site at a later date. Please choose a hotel and fill out the accommodation form. We will book the hotel for you.

Invitation letter:

An invitation letter will be provided upon request from any participant. Such invitation is intended to facilitate attendees to apply for a visa or arrange travel to Iran.

Liability & Insurance:

It is recommended that attendees and accompanying persons arrange for personal travel and health insurance. The organizers will assume no responsibility for injuries or damages to persons or property during the conference.

This meeting is endorsed by WASWC and will strictly follow the Guidelines for Successful Meetings

<http://waswc.soil.gd.cn/consti-decentra.html>

May 24-29, 2010



Prospective authors are asked to submit a one-page abstract by April 2, 2009. Instructions may be found on the conference website: <http://5geoeqconf2010.mst.edu/>.

Technical questions: Prof. Shamsher Prakash, Conference Chair prakash@mst.edu

Registration or other questions: Lindsay Bagnall, Conference Secretary geoeqconf2010@mst.edu

May 25-27, 2010

2nd International Conference FRIAR 2010 on Flood Recovery, Innovation and Response, Organiser: University & Polytechnic of Milan, Wessex Institute of Technology and University of Wolverhampton, U.K. Venue: Milan, Italy www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences

May 25-29, 2010

Fourth International Scientific Conference

BALWOIS 2010

Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia – 25-29 May 2010

Conference on Water Observation and Information System for decision Support

Scientific presentations, Forum exchange, Workshops, Exhibition, Social program...

Main topics :

- Climate and Hydrology
- Environment and Human Activities
- Water Related Risks
- Integrated Water Resources Management
- Ecohydrology
- Computing and Technology

Contact: secretariat@balwois.com

Conference Web site: www.balwois.com/2010

Project Web site: www.balwois.com

First announcement /invitation

Dead lines:

- Submission of Abstract : 15/11/2009
- Author Notification of Abstract Acceptance : 15/12/2009
- Submission of Full Paper : 15/02/2010
- Author Notification of Full Paper Acceptance : 15/03/2010

May 26-28, 2010

[International Soil Science Congress on Management of Natural Resources to Sustain Soil Health and Quality](#)

[Ondokuz Mayıs University](#), Samsun, Turkey

The deadline for abstracts/proposals is 1 November 2009.

Enquiries: soil2010@omu.edu.tr; Web <http://soil2010.omu.edu.tr>

May 26-28, 2010

3rd International Conference DEBRIS FLOW 2010, Organiser: University of Milan, Italy and the Wessex Institute of Technology, UK. Venue: Milan, Italy. www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences

July 4-7, 2010

The 9th European IFSA Symposium: 4-7 July 2010 in Vienna! Building sustainable rural futures - The added value of systems approaches in times of change and uncertainty

The following five themes give an overview of the issues that will be addressed at the 9th European IFSA Symposium.

1. Knowledge Systems, learning and collective action
2. Transition, resilience, and adaptive management

3. Energy production, CO₂ sink and climate change
4. Sustainable food systems
5. Landscape and rural land use

Within each theme there are several workshops addressing specific aspect of the theme. Please select the workshop most suitable to your interest and submit an abstract to the convenor of that workshop by 15 October 2009. CA has a great deal to contribute to this Symposium. [Download an overview of all workshops.](#) Also, [Download the call.](#)

August 1-6, 2010

Call for papers – 19th World Congress of Soil Science



The 19th World Congress of Soil Science will be held in Brisbane, Australia, from 1-6 August, 2010. Paper Submission for the 19th World Congress of Soil Science: papers must be submitted using the on-line process no later than 31 October 2009. Submitting authors will be advised if their paper has been accepted by 15 December 2009. Once accepted, authors have until 28 February 2010 to register for the 19th World Congress of Soil Science. A reminder will be sent in February to ensure authors register for the conference. Authors whose papers have been accepted for the conference who do not register by 28 February 2010, will be removed from the conference program. (Source: IUSS Alert 50)

AN INVITATION TO THE 19TH WORLD CONGRESS OF SOIL SCIENCE <http://www.ccm.com.au/soil/>

On behalf of Officers of the International Union of Soil Science, we are delighted to extend our personal invitation to you to join us in Brisbane, Australia for the 19th World Congress of Soil Science to be held 1-6 August 2010 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. The conference theme "Soil Solutions for a Changing World" provides a tremendous opportunity for a broad range of presentations – we urge you to share your research, experiences and knowledge with members in Brisbane. We are very proud to be associated with an outstanding group of professionals who have gathered to form the steering committee for the 19th World Congress, led jointly by Professor Steve Raine and Mr Mike Grundy. Won't you join us and colleagues from throughout the world in what promises to be an outstanding gathering of the Soil Science community.

September 6-8, 2010

AgEng2010 – International Conference on Agricultural Engineering "Towards Environmental Technologies", Venue: Clermont-Ferrand, France, Organiser: Cemagref, SitmaAFGR, AFEID, www.ageng2010.org, info@ageng2010.fr

September 6-8, 2010

The Third IASTED African Conference on [Water Resource Management](#) (AfricaWRM 2010)
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

September 6-8, 2010, Gaborone, Botswana

Sponsor: The International Association of Science and Technology for Development (IASTED)

Conference Chair: Prof. Otlogetswe Totolo – University of Botswana, Botswana

Local Arrangements Chair: Prof. George O. Anderson – University of Botswana, Botswana

Host Organization: University of Botswana

For more information on Botswana, visit the official tourism site: [Tourism of Botswana](#).

Important Deadlines

<i>Submissions Due</i>	<i>March 15, 2010</i>
<i>Notification of Acceptance</i>	<i>May 1, 2010</i>
<i>Final Manuscripts Due</i>	<i>June 1, 2010</i>
<i>Registration Deadline</i>	<i>June 15, 2010</i>

Technical Committee: If you are interested in joining the IASTED Technical Committee or any of the technical committees related to this conference, please submit your name, address, phone, fax, email, areas of specialty, a list of your most recent publications, and a brief CV by email to calgary@iasted.org.

September 10-11, 2010

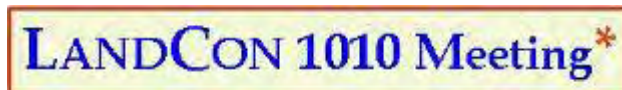
Croatia Branch Plans Conference on Soil Tillage

The Organizing Committee of the Croatia Soil Tillage Research Organization – CROSTRO and International Soil Tillage Research Organization – ISTRO, invites all ISTRO members and other interested persons to an international scientific conference entitled "Soil Tillage, An Open Approach" in Osijek, Republic of Croatia, from the 9th to 11th of September 2010.

October 8-29, 2010

Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity - CBD COP 10 (/E0061) 8th - 29th October 2010, Nagoya, Japan www.cop10.jp/aichi-nagoya/english/cop/cop.html

October 11-15, 2010



World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC)
**International Conference on Combating Land Degradation
in Agricultural Areas**
(The 1st Announcement)

I INVITATION

You are cordially invited to participate in the International Conference on Combating Land Degradation in Agricultural Areas (LANDCON 1010) to be held in Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, China from October 11th to 15th, 2010.

Land is foundation of human survives and development, but the Land degradation is intensifying in many parts of the world because of the unreasonable land use and global climate change. According to the FAO's estimation in 2008, there 1.5 billion people, or a quarter of the world's population, depend directly on land that is being degraded. Land degradation could induce the deterioration of the ecological function and productivity of land directly through soil erosion, desertification, salinization, loss of bio-diversity and so on. Furthermore, the land degradation has already threatened and is threatening the socio-economic and culture development at regional and global scales.

Fortunately, the increasing attention has been paid in combating land degradation all over world, such as the Soil and Water Conservation Engineering in the Upper and Middle Reaches of Yellow River since 1980 and "Grain for Green Project" of China ACIAR-AusAID Landcare Project in Australia, the GEF UNEP/FAO program on Land Degradation Assessment in Dryland Areas (LADA) and EU FP6 Integrated Project on Desertification Mitigation and Remediation of Land (DESIRE).

We sincerely hope that you will join us in making LANDCON 2010 a success. We look forward to welcoming you to LANDCON 2010 and Xi'an, China.

II THEMES

Situation and evolution of land degradation
Mechanism and driving factors of land degradation
Control measures of land degradation
Evaluation of land degradation and land management on environment
Land degradation and regional social-economic sustainable development
Effect of global change on land degradation
And other relative topics.

III ORGANIZATION

1 Sponsors

World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC)
Soil and Water Conservation Society of China (CSWCS)

2 Organizers

Bureau of science and technology for resources and environment, CAS
Soil and Water Conservation Department, MWR
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Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, CAS & MWR
State Key Laboratory of Soil Erosion and Dryland Farming on the Loess Plateau
Beijing Normal University
Institute of Eco-Environmental and Soil Sciences of Guangzhou
Major State Basic Research Development Program: Soil Erosion Processes and Their Adjusting and Controlling Mechanisms in the Main Soil Erosion Regions of China
National Key Technology R&D Program in the 11th Five year Plan of China: Key Technology of Integrated Measures of Soil and Water Conservation in the Loess Plateau
EU FP6 Integrated Project: Desertification Mitigation and Remediation of Land - a global approach for local solutions (DESIRE)

3 Host

Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, CAS & MWR

IV VENUE AND DATE

Data: October 11-15, 2010

Venue: Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, P. R. China

V SECRETARIAT

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Participant Feedback of LANDCON 1010

(Please feedback before September 30, 2009)

World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWC)

International Conference on Combating Land Degradation
in Agricultural Areas (LANDCON 1010)

Participant Feedback

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	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Title and position	
Work unit	<i>(Name of Organization or Institute) (abbreviation)</i>
Research field (3 maximum)	
Address (Post code)	
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Please email or fax (Note landcon1010, please) to Secretariat of LANDCON 1010 (wafe@ms.iswc.ac.cn, landcon1010@gmail.com) before September 30, 2009.

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LANDCON 1101 Meeting*

January 4-5 and 6-7, 2011

Second International SWAT-SEA Workshop and Conference (SWAT-SEA II)

January 4-7, 2011

Ho Chi Minh City (former Saigon), Vietnam

The Second International Conference on the **Soil and Water Assessment Tool - Southeast Asia** (SWAT-SEA) is scheduled to take place in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, January 4-7, 2011. SWAT-SEA 2011 is being organized by [Nong Lam University – Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam](#) and [North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, USA](#). Additional information about the conference is available at <http://ssc.hcmuaf.edu.vn>. This conference is supported by USAID-SANREM, the World Association of Soil and Water Conservation, USDA-ARS, Texas A&M and many other organizations.

For more information please contact:

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Dr. Manuel Reyes, Conference Co-Chair, North Carolina A&T State University, USA (email: mannyreyes@nc.rr.com or reyes@ncat.edu)

The first [SWAT-SEA Conference](#) was successfully held in [Chiang Mai, Thailand in January 5-8, 2009](#). [SWAT](#) is a leading water quality watershed model being used worldwide. SWAT-SEA II is expected to bring together about 200 people from SEA region and around the world representing academic, government, non-governmental organizations, and private industry. A SWAT-SEA Workshop on January 4-5, 2011 and a SWAT-SEA Conference on January 6-7, 2011, Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon), Vietnam are scheduled.

The SWAT-SEA II Scientific and Organizing Committee are:

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May 2011

6th International Congress of European Society for Soil Conservation [Frontpage.pdf \(450KB\)](#)

Dear all WASWC members,

It is our honor to invite you to the **6th International Congress of European Society for Soil Conservation** entitled (preliminary) **"Innovative Strategies and Policies for Soil Conservation"**, which will be held in **Athens, Greece, in May 2011**. This is a congress, which is expected to be of great importance, and your presence will undeniably contribute to it, as it will offer a forum where innovative ideas, knowledge, experience and concerns of all the people involved within the field of Soil Conservation. The sessions of the Congress will not be limited solely to soil conservation; it will embrace the scientific fields of soil protection, land use planning, soil mapping, remote sensing, drylands, peatlands, impact of climate change on soils, biofuels, water scarcity for irrigation, desertification, forest fires, and all those concerned within rural development. Nevertheless, the participation of scientists with expertise on biosoils, use of soil bioengineering techniques, bioremediation of contaminated sites, soils and biodiversity will be of high significance, since they offer great services in crucial scientific sectors.

José Luis Rubio, President of the European Society for Soil Conservation, jose.l.rubio@uv.es

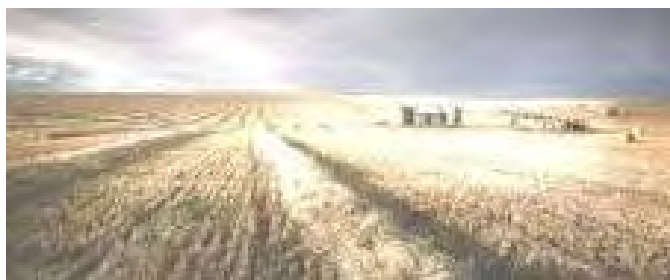
Theodore Karyotis, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, karyotis@hellasnet.gr

Late 2011 or Early 2012

International Conference on Vetiver (ICV-5), Chiang Mai, Thailand. Contact Narong Chomchalow narongchc@au.edu, www.vetiver.org

2012

Earth Summit 2012 www.earthsummit2012.org, <http://earthsummit2012.blogspot.com/>



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- 4. Gift membership:** US\$5/ yr worldwide, to be purchased by anyone to give to colleagues, friends, students, etc.

You may ask sombatpanit@yahoo.com about your membership status, i.e. up to what year you have paid. Then you may send the fee to either John Laflen or Samran Sombatpanit or any other 'convenient' address in the following list:

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 - **Domestic wires:** United Bankers Bank, 1650 West 82nd Street, Bloomington, MN 55431, Routing number 091 001 322; for benefit of First National Bank of Volga; account number 091 402 552; further credit World Soil #703-488.
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